Community Christian CHURCH

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

September 20, 2026 **10:30 AM**

The Reverend Steven Price	Pastor
Mr. Veniamin Blokh	Church Musician
Ms. Ron Strong	Senior Choir Director
Mr. Ryan Hubbell	Technical Support

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to you as we gather to celebrate God's life-giving presence. During communion, as we partake of the bread and cup, please know that ***all*** who desire Christ's boundless and embracing love are welcomed to participate.

Prayer is an important part of our life together as a community of faith. If you have a prayer concern or joy you would like raised later on in the service, text your request to Beth Fulkerson at 585.755.6310.

GATHERING

Please take this time to center yourself as we listen to this morning's prelude.

Prelude — Venya Blokh

† Call to Worship – Responsive

One: Breathe in the breath of God in creation:
Wisdom, Ruach, Divine Spirit.
Breathe in abundance;

Many: Trees laden with apples, plums and pears.
Clear blue skies of day,
Crisp, clear air of dusk.

One: Breathe in, then out, and give God thanks
Breathe in and acknowledge a shift;

Many: We notice the change in the air,
the dance of light.
We see that green turns to red, to orange, to yellow...

One: Breathe in, then out, and give God thanks.
Breathe in acceptance;

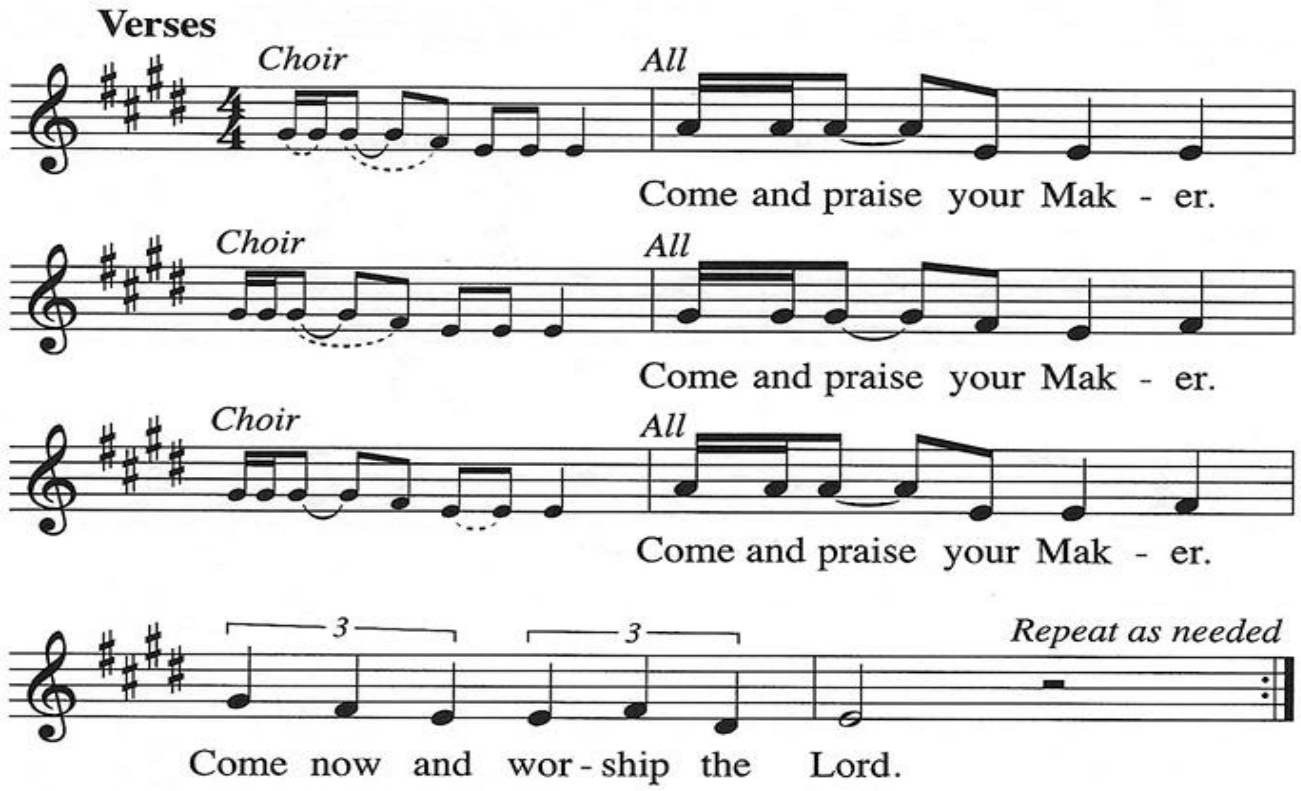
(continued)

Many: **Leaves fall to the ground,**
So too do broken and windblown branches.
Some fruits rot under trees.
We accept that not all can be collected.
Now is the time for letting go.

One: Breathe in the breath of God in creation.
Give thanks, once more, and breathe. **AMEN**

† Song of Gathering ***Come All You People*** Insert

We learned the refrain last week; this week let's add some verses to this joyful song.



Intergenerational Time

Anthem *"Like Eagles, You Will Fly"* Mary McDonald

Lyrics on pg 10.

Children are invited to age-appropriate Faith Formation activities following this portion of the service.

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading Exodus 16: 2-15 OT pg. 62-63

Lector: Jen Kann

Sermon Steven Price

Music for Reflection Venya Blokh

RESPONDING

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Your offering can happen in a variety of ways: the collection plate in the narthex, giving through your bank, using the tithely app, and giving on our cccopentoall.org webpage. We are grateful.

Offertory Prayer

† Song of Praise ***Doxology*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, (God) all creatures here below;
Praise him (God) above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen
(or Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Distribution

This table is open to all who are seekers of another way made known to us in Jesus.

*Please come down the center aisle **double file** to receive a piece of gluten-free bread from the pastor and a cup of grape juice from one of the elders, returning to your seats by the outer aisle.*
***NOTE:** Should you feel unable to come forward, then please ask a neighbor to bring you back a cup and cube of bread, both will be blessed, as will your neighbor who is able to share this sacred meal with you.*

Our Community at Prayer

Hear now our community prayers and those of the world…

After request…

Leader says: God in your goodness or grace or mercy,
People respond: Hear our Prayer.

Let us now say together the prayer Jesus taught those he loved . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (or Creator) which art in heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GOING FORTH

† Concluding Hymn Chalice Hymnal, No. 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Because we have walked alongside our Hebrew ancestors today, let us sing this old favorite that reminds us that YHWH God is with us on the journey.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou are mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey though;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verse of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
bear me through the swelling current;
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

† Benediction Roddy Hamilton edits/smp

May you be the blessing:
May you be the justice in the harvest,
the sharing in the community,
the hope in the neighborhood.

May your gift of self
Be a blessing to many this week and beyond. **Amen**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements) (See pages 6-9)

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)* Venya Blokh

† All who are able, please stand.

News You Can Use at Community Christian Church

Today's ZOOM service was recorded.
To access the recording, visit our website: Cccopentoall.org.
It will be posted early this week.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Elders ..... Bill Kelly and Dee Staley
ZOOM Host ..... Barbara Coe
ZOOM Room Elder ..... Pam Bakst
Deacons .....Shawna Lusk
Carol Giblin
Greeter .....Jane Greer

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Land Acknowledgment: Our physical space stands on unceded land originally stewarded by the Seneca people. Today let us acknowledge and honor the Seneca nation by walking paths that lead to equality for all and care for creation.

Coffee Fellowship is provided in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Enrich your life and strengthen our fellowship by introducing yourself to someone you don't know. Refreshments are needed on an on-going basis. See Wende McNaney if you'd like to offer to help.

HOPES and PRAYERS – Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

Join Pastor Steven via ZOOM for a time of sharing those things heavy on your heart as well as lifting up the ways God has already blessed your life or answered your prayers. A ZOOM invitation will be sent Monday evening.

National Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness, share hope, and remind our communities that suicide can be prevented.
While raising awareness is essential, meaningful change also requires action.
Suicide Prevention Month is an opportunity to lend your voice to efforts that strengthen prevention, expand access to care, and build a future where suicide is preventable.
Take a look at websites like these to learn more:

AFSP.org is a very good national organization.
IASP.info is an international agency.
SPRC.org has user-friendly resources.

While the date is just behind us, September 8 has significance in suicide prevention efforts.
988 Day is dedicated to promoting the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and connecting more people to lifesaving crisis support. Remember that number - it can save a life - just dial 988 on your phone.

Bible Study

Anyone interested in a Bible Study this fall?
I've been looking at Rachel Held Evans' book, "Inspired" and thought it might be a good way to engage with scripture, stories, faith, history, etc. We can also get her book used for a good number of us, which will keep costs lower.
Depending on who is interested, that would shape when and how to meet. Right now, I have most Monday evenings open AND would welcome shared leadership.
Let me know via text or email by Sept. 27.
Thank you, Steven (585) 733-7121

MOJO News

Coldwater Women & Children's Home - Linens collection

The Coldwater Women & Children's Home is part of the Open Door Mission. This home, nearby on Coldwater Road, is a transitional housing program for women and their children. Let's help these folks in a vulnerable situation by welcoming them with fluffy towels and pillows, as well as crisp sheets and comforters.

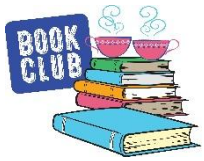
The items needed are washcloths, bath towels, hand towels, twin size sheets, twin size comforters, and bed pillows. Items must be new. Color and pattern are up to you! The collection will run for six(6) Sundays: September 13 – October 18.

Questions? Please contact our Ministry of Justice and Outreach committee at deirdrestaley2@gmail.com.

Creation Prayer Service - October 4, 2026, 2pm

Join other Christians from Rochester in celebrating the enduring legacy of St. Francis of Assisi.
This will be our fourth collaboration with St. Monica R C church, & the U of R Protestant Chaplain's office. The amazing beauty of the Genesee River will be part of our prayer service for Creation.
There will be a Haudenasaune thanksgiving prayer, songs, and fellowship with our neighbors.
A map & car-pooling will be available. See Dee Staley or call her at 729-7608 for more info.

September Book Club



Join us for the September meeting of the Book Club on Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm at Kathy Schaefer's home (508 Panorama Trail). The book is "The Let Them Theory" by Mel Robbins. It's a very interesting book - so find a copy & come & discuss!

ABLESSINGS UNDANT

Thursday, September 24th – Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed from 12:30 – 4 PM with Food Distribution taking place between 2 and 4 PM. With an adequate number of volunteers, we're usually done by 4 PM which is AWESOME!

Please TEXT or message Pastor Steven at 585.733.7121 if you can lend a helping hand (or two!). ALSO, mark on your calendars the next date for Abundant Blessings: **Thursday, October 22nd**

Stewardship and Finance

2027 Stewardship Campaign

The 2027 Stewardship Campaign theme is 'Openness' — inspired by CCC's new tagline, "Open minds. Open hearts. Open table." In a world marked by division, fear, and scarcity, we welcome everyone to belong and be nourished, body and soul. As we look toward 2027, we invite you to open your hands in generous support of our ministries and consider increasing your financial gift to serve the increasing needs in our community.

Please submit your Intent to Give online at https://communitychristianchurch.breezechms.com/form/itg27 or using the QR code or returning your Intent to Give card to the plate in the narthex no later than Sunday, October 25. If you get your pledge in early, you will be entered in a drawing for a $50 gift card!

If you have questions about giving, please direct them to our Financial Secretary, Sara Kuehl, at finsecty.ccc@gmail.com. She will handle your questions confidentially.

Blessings,
Your Stewardship & Finance Team

Oktoberfest coming soon

Join us for Oktoberfest immediately after church on Sunday, October 25th! This is a major fundraiser for CCC, last year raising over $4,000, including donations. Most of that is from the Silent Auction that happens during the event. We get donations from local businesses, restaurants, grocery stores, you name it, but the majority of items available for bid come from us. Thank you to everyone who has donated or committed to an event, thus far. We need more! 😊 It can be anything from a special dinner at your home, game nights, craft items, to food items. Everyone can participate.

We will have grilled bratwurst and sausage, sauerkraut, mixed green salad, apple crisp, and more! Tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, October 11th, for $5 adults, $2 children, with a maximum of $15 per family.

If you have questions, contact Bill Kelly at his CCC e-mail: bill.kelly@cccopentoall.org and/or you may call or text him at 585-217-1757.

◆ OUR CHURCH AT WORK ◆

READY TO SERVE:

The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor

Pastor Steven can be reached at 733-7121 or RevStevenCCC@gmail.com.

Ryan Hubbell, Office Administrator

Ryan can be reached at penzfann@aol.com or if you need immediate assistance, call him at 617-4009 and leave a message.

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating This Week

Birthdays

Sept	25	Carolyn Inglis
Sept	26	Nancy Pollock

Anniversaries

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Sunday, September 20th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
Monday, September 21st	10:00 AM	Fiber Friends – Church office
	7:00 PM	Book Club
Tuesday, September 22nd	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Kirby Farms CSA Pick Up
	10:00 PM	Deadline for Bulletin Announcements
Wednesday, Sept 23rd	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday. September 24th	12:30 PM	Abundant Blessings til 4pm
Friday, September 25th	6:30 PM	Robinson rehearsal til 7:30pm
Saturday, September 26th	9:00 AM	The Caring Music Group – FH til 11am
	12:30 PM	Robinson Wedding til 3:30pm
Sunday. September 27th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time

Like Eagles, You Will Fly!

Bless the Lord, O, my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Who gives the pow'r within me. Bless his holy name!

He who pardons all my iniquities; he who heals all my distress;
he who saves me when I stumble, he gives me peace and rest.

Bless the Lord, O, my soul, renew your strength within me, and like eagles, I will fly!

I will run and not be weary, I will walk and not grow faint.
I will soar with wings as eagles fly. With new strength, I will fly!

Bless the Lord, O, my soul, and all that is within me, bless your holy name!

Give of your strength, to the weary; Give of your pow'r to the weak.
Offer hope to those who need you; give them joy, give them peace!

Bless the Lord, O, my soul, renew your strength within me, and like eagles I will fly!

You will run and not be weary. You will walk and not grow faint.
You will soar with wings as eagles fly, with new strength.
You will fly! You will fly! You will fly! You will fly!