Community Christian CHURCH

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 25, 2026 **10:30 AM**

The Reverend Steven Price	Pastor
Mr. Veniamin Blokh	Church Musician
Ms. Ailun Zheng	Guest Musician
Ms. Jen Kann & Ms. Jeannie Strong	Children's Choir Directors
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 — Ailun Zheng

† Call to Worship – Responsive — inspired by Psalm 46 Joanna Harader edits/smp

One: The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.
Many: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
One: Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.
Many: Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
One: Violence is in our communities
and violence continues around the world—
Many: Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
One: For those mourning and rebuilding after storms,
Many: God is their refuge.
One: For those living in fear of their neighbors,
Many: God is their strength.
One: For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,
Many: God is present.

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One: For the distraught and displaced in Gaza, Ukraine, Iran, Sudan…
Many: God is a very present help in trouble.
One: Therefore, we will not fear.
All: *Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.*

† Song of Gathering ***Sing a New World into Being!*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 2

New words to an old hymn! We'll sing this hymn to a tune we know: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee!
These words are from Mary Louise Bringle.

Sing a new world into being, Sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!

Sing a new world into being where each gender, class, and race
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace;
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!

Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home,
Where no children ever hunger but are filled in God's shalom;
Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets' cry
For a time of health and plenty when all tears have been wiped dry;
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!

Children's Anthem *"My God Is So Great"*

Sharing With Children

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:36-46 NT pg. 25
Lector: John Giffen

Sermon Steven Price

Music for Reflection Ailun Zheng

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

Community Prayer – Responsive

A Church Not Divided by Walls:
a Litany for Unity and Reconciliation.

One: As we celebrate this Re-formation Sunday, let us also pray for the body of Christ. For the church that in every age has taught our faith to children, shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,

Many: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For the times when the church has let self-preservation prevail over God's will,

Many: O God, we ask forgiveness.

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One: For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent,

Many: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For those instances when we have driven out siblings who had a different vision of God's will for us,

Many: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations, and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually renew itself,

Many: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshiping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all. **Amen.**

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 ***Bless Now, O God, the Journey*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 489

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine, Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

† Benediction Connie Epp edits/smp

You are not too young or too old,
you are not too rich or too needy
to bring good news to the poor,
to give a hand-up to those who have fallen
or been pushed or held down…

As you head into your days,
remember to pack peace in your toolbox,
hope in your briefcase,
love in your lunch box,
and may integrity, honesty, and kindness be your designer wear of choice. **Amen**

Participating in the Life of the Church (Announcements) (See pages 7-8)

Postlude *(Please remain seated.)* Ailun Zheng

† 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 ..... Connie Bottoni & Kathy Schaefer
ZOOM Host ..... Barbara Coe
ZOOM Room Elder ..... Pam Bakst
Deacons ..... Amy Greer
Dan Greer
Greeter ..... The Greer Family

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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. **Please periodically bring a snack to share. Deliver it to the kitchen prior to worship.**

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 out Monday evening.

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 today 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

Nepal Church

A new chapter in our church life begins next Sunday, November 1 at 12:30 p.m. A Nepalese congregation will begin worshipping in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons! We will want to be attentive to time and not linger in the sanctuary in the way we have become accustomed.

I've met with Pastor Joel numerous times, he is a delight, and it is my hope that we will find ways to minister and support one another moving into the future.

Will there be bumps in the road? Likely, and that's ok as long as our communication is clear and we're all doing our very best to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Steven

Cabin Party

MCC is hosting a Cabin Party for all at Maher Lodge in Churchville on Saturday, November 14th. The party starts at 3 PM with dinner at 5 PM. This is a dish to pass party and bring games to play. See the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for more details. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday, Nov. 1st and 8th. If you miss the sign up, please contact Jacquie at 585-415-1963. Ticket prices: $4 ($2 ages 2-10) Family Max: $12. Hope to see you there!

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget next Sunday 11/1 daylight savings time ends, so set your clocks back.

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating This Week

Birthdays			Anniversaries
Oct	25	Katelyn Brooks	
Oct	26	Mary Collins	
Oct	30	Jill Alcorn	
Oct	31		Dan & Kim Robillard

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Sunday. October 25th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:45 AM	Oktoberfest
Monday, October 26th	10:00 AM	Fiber Friends – Church office
Tuesday, October 27th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Kirby Farms CSA Pick Up
	5:30 PM	Stewardship & Finance Meeting (ZOOM)
	10:00 PM	Deadline for Bulletin Announcements
Wednesday, Oct 28th	9:00 AM	The Quilting Gals til 4:30pm
	4:00 PM	MOJO Meeting (ZOOM)
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 31st	9:00 AM	The Caring Music Group – FH til noon
		🎃 Happy Halloween 🎃
Sunday. November 1st	2:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time Ends
	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
	12:30 PM	Nepal Church til 2:30pm (Sanctuary)

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.

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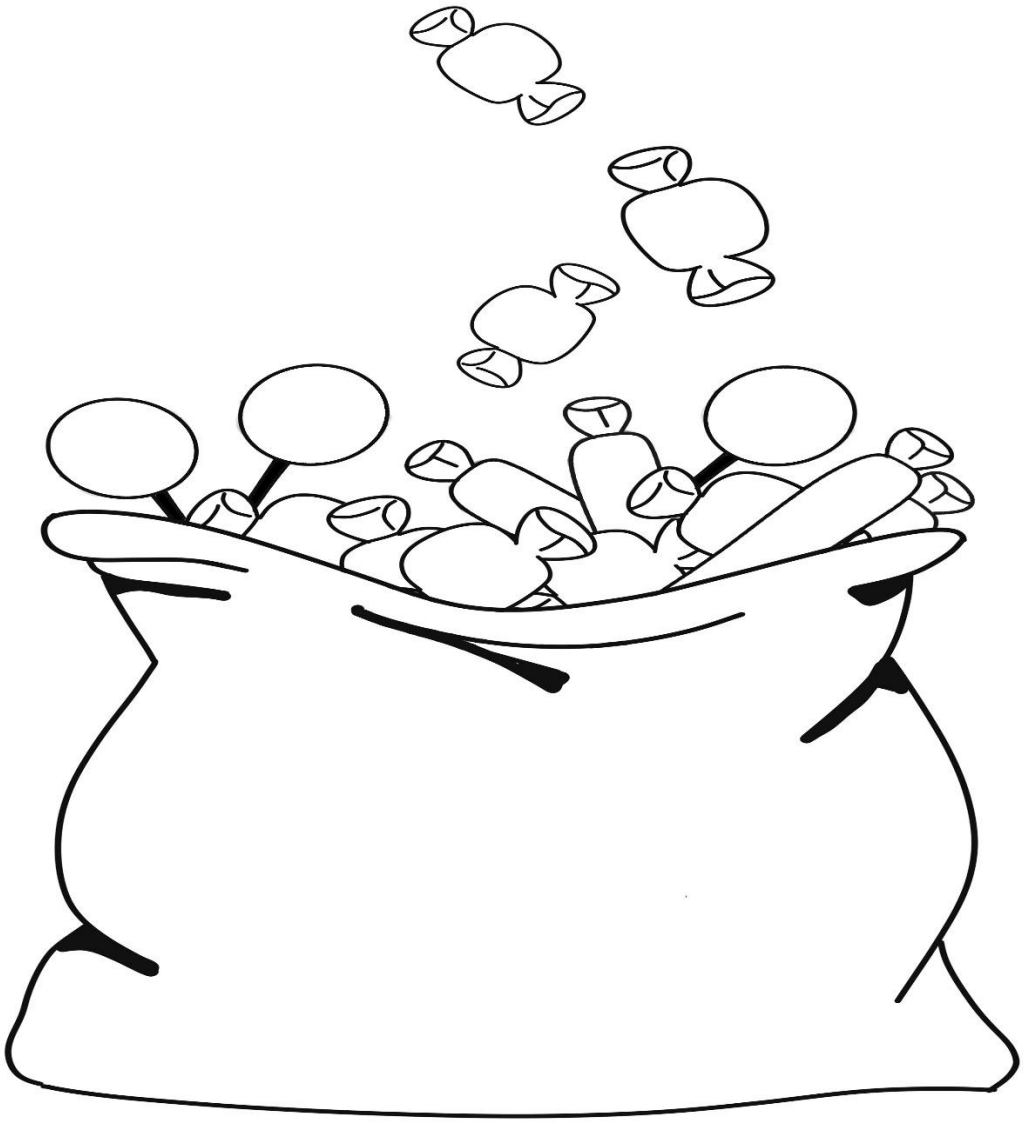
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