Community Christian CHURCH

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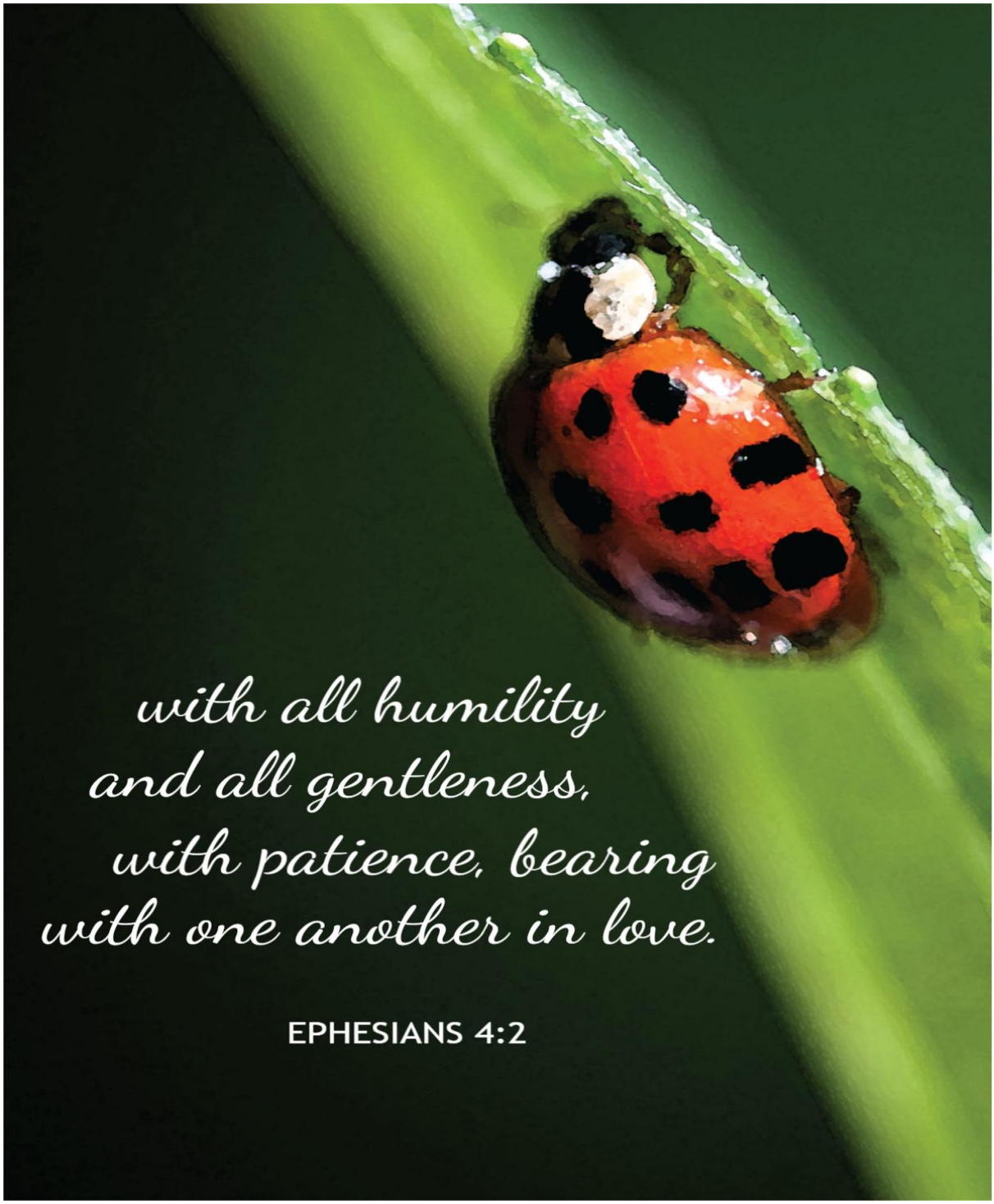

OCTOBER 4, 2026

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(Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ)

October 4, 2026 **10:30 AM**

The Reverend Steven Price	Pastor
Ms. Diane Ellis	Guest Preacher
Mr. Veniamin Blokh	Church Musician
Mr. 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 — United Methodist Church World Communion Sunday Resources

One: Today, on World Communion Sunday, we remember that we are one. Today, we celebrate the Spirit of God that moves throughout God's people across all of creation.

Many: We are one in Christ.

One: Today we remember our responsibility to bear with one another in love, to maintain unity by the bond of peace and to be the body of Christ in the world.

Many: We are one body.

One: Today we recall that, as members of one body, we can make a difference in a world of people in need of the hope of the love of Christ. Today, we recognize this hope that unites us and sustains us.

Many: We are people of one hope.

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One: Today we celebrate our unity. We set aside the small things that can divide us and remember that, with God, we can overcome all things. Today we are reminded that only with gentleness and humility can we clearly see God's plan for us.

All: We are people of one God who is above all and through all.

† Song of Gathering Chalice Hymnal, No. 124

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

Truly God, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
word of God, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
Christ will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.

At his feet the sixwinged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, God most high!"

Children's Time

Anthem *"Given For You"* j. Paul Williams & Douglas Nolan

Lyrics on pg 9.

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

ENGAGING

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1–6 NT pg. 193

Lector: Connie Bottoni

Sermon Diane Ellis

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 ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** Chalice Hymnal, No. 425

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun.
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees) **(refrain)**

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees) **(refrain)**

† Benediction

From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to this place and this time. We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions. We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us. We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy. We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us. In this holy place, there is room for all. We go out into the world now with open hands and open hearts. We proclaim that we are made one in Christ. **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 ..... Connie Bottoni & Kathy Schaefer
ZOOM Host ..... Barbara Coe
ZOOM Room Elder ..... Pam Bakst
Deacons .....Shawna Lusk
David Dobbins
Greeter .....Shawna Lusk

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.

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.

Bingo Night – October, 10th 6pm

Ministry of Congregational Care (MCC) will host a Dr. Suess Family BINGO night on Saturday, October 10th at 6 PM. There will be pizza, popcorn, prizes and guaranteed FUN! If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so that we have enough pizza. Pizza is $1 a slice and a set of BINGO cards is $2. Both are purchased at the door. Feel free to invite friends too (sign them up with a pizza count). We hope to see you there.

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.

Request from Joél Airy

Joel's sister's church needs empty shoeboxes. These boxes are filled with personal hygiene items for men, women and children and distributed to homeless shelters in Wayne and Monroe Countys. If you have boxes, please bring them to church and Joel will make sure to take them to his sister. This is a year-round project.

Best Wishes to Those Celebrating This Week

Birthdays

Oct	4	Jill Anderson
Oct	5	Angelo Bottoni
Oct	6	Bill Kelly
		Holly Phillips
Oct	7	Don Lyke
Oct	9	Dexter Greene
Oct	10	Riley Freedman

Anniversaries

Brian & Molly McGowan
Dexter Greene & Kathleen Plum
Brian & Shelly Cannon

◆ THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Sunday, October 4th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
Monday, October 5th	10:00 AM	Fiber Friends – Church office
	5:30 PM	Property Meeting (ZOOM)
Tuesday, October 6th	10:00 AM	Hopes and Prayers (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Kirby Farms CSA Pick Up
	5:30 PM	Stewardship & Finance (ZOOM)
	10:00 PM	Deadline for Bulletin Announcements
Wednesday, Oct. 7th	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 8th	10:00 AM	Fix-It Clinic til 1pm
Saturday, October 10th	9:00 AM	The Caring Music Group – FH til noon
Sunday. October 11th	10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Hybrid Worship – Masks optional
	11:40 AM	Fellowship Time
	12:00 PM	Board Meeting

◆ 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.

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Given For You

This is my body, my body broken. Take and eat and remember, take and eat and remember.

I came to give that you might live. My life was given for you.

This is my blood. My blood was shed for you. Take the cup and remember.
I took your blame. I took your shame. My life was given for you.

Take, eat, this is my body. Take, drink, this is my blood.
O come, come, come to the feast and remember my life was given for you.

O loving savior, I come to thank you. I will always remember, I will always remember.

You died for me, You set me free. My life I give unto You. My life I give unto You.