



# we are connected

→ The Community Church of Vero Beach

*"Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more that binds us together than separates us in the worship of God."*

**4.28.2019**

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:30 A.M.

C<sup>2</sup> SERVICE (COMMUNITY HALL) 10:00 A.M.

SANCTUARY SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

## WELCOME

*Recognizing the wide welcome offered to all through Jesus Christ, Community Church opens its arms to all.*

*We strive to offer Christ's wide welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, or sexual identity.*

*We invite you to join our congregation in worship and in membership,  
as we allow our lives to be shaped by the loving outreach of Christ.*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation.*

*Please refrain from applause during worship until invited.*

*Families are asked to check-in children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Commotion prior to the start of worship to participate in Sunday school. Commotion will open 15 minutes prior to the start of worship. Children can be checked out in Commotion after worship. Families are always welcome to worship together in the service.*

*Nursery care available during our C<sup>e</sup> and Sanctuary worship services.*

*Our services are live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel & the congregation and may appear on social media.*

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## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals”

Andrew R. Galuska, organ

*Sigfrid Karg - Elert*

COMMUNITY WORDS

Exploring the “Walk to Emmaus” Retreat

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands emp - ty  
Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant years in  
Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un - moved by  
Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good news to this and  
to the sky. Let streets and homes with prais - es ring. Love,  
Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing, here and now, And  
hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the midst of life, Our  
ev - ery age, Till earth and sky and o - cean ring With  
drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
sav - ior in the God - head reigns.  
joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

\*LITANY

Betsy Sams

One: Come from every road and every pathway. Come to worship the Living Lord!

All: **Let us be alert to the sound of his voice. Let our eyes be opened to his presence.**

One: Like the disciples of old, we will rejoice to find the risen Christ in our midst!

All: **Like the disciples of old, our hearts will burn with the wonder and joy of his presence.**

One: Today we join with faithful disciples across time and around the globe who have walked the way with Christ. Let us pray ...

\*UNISON PRAYER

**Eternal God, there is much of mystery about faith. We confess that sometimes our faithful hopes seem misplaced and our dreams seem misguided. Set us on the right path when we wander away from you in despair and doubt. Remind us that if we will trust in you, we will discover what we seek. Open our eyes today that we might recognize your presence among us. Then send us into the world with good news in our hearts: Christ lives! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. David W. Johnson

## ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALTER

Clergy, Cantor, and Congregation

*Antiphon: Congregation may join the cantor in singing the antiphon.*

*Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14, 17-19*

JUDY HUNNICUTT



*Cantor and Congregation*

One: <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. <sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

*Cantor and Congregation*

One: <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, <sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. <sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

*Cantor and Congregation*

One: <sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

*Cantor and Congregation*

RESPONSE

One: May God who commanded light to shine out of darkness enlighten our way today.

All: **Amen.**

One: God's message finds utterance in our midst.

All: **We wait and listen for God's word to us today.**

*1st Peter 1:18-23*

<sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

RESPONSE

One: God rescues us from futility and reveals to us love's truth.

All: **We set our faith and hope upon the One who offers new birth.**

SOLO

“Once Upon a Tree”  
*Pepper Choplin*

Mary Murphy, soprano

CALL TO THE GOSPEL

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

One: Silence in us, O God, any voice but your own.

All: **May your Word be proclaimed and received here today.**

*Luke 24:13-16, 28-35*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

RESPONSE

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this  
 Cel - e - brate with joy and sing - ing, Al - le - lu - ia  
 Hon - or, glo - ry, praise, thanks - giv - ing give we now to  
 Wor - ship now with shouts of glad - ness, for the Christ, the  
 day of days! Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der:  
 be our song. Je - sus Christ has risen to save us,  
 God a - bove. With the cross and grave Christ bought us,  
 Ho - ly One On this day of re - sur - rec - tion,  
 all cre - a - tion is a - mazed. In the des - ert  
 prais - es to our Christ be - long. Through great love has  
 let us now re - turn that love. By our lives of  
 for the world new life has won. Let us pray and  
 all - sur - round - ing see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 come the vic - tory; life, not death, can be our claim.  
 ded - i - ca - tion, as we teach and tes - ti - fy,  
 praise the Sav - ior, trust the acts, be - lieve the word.  
 Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Let us now de - clare Christ's great - ness, spread good news, pro - claim Christ's name.  
 May we show Christ's love a - round us, may it grow and pu - ri - fy.  
 Our sal - va - tion has been pur - chased by our lov - ing, ris - en Lord.

SERMON

“Leaving to Return”

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

*That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem ... Luke 24:33a*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UNISON CALL TO OFFERING

Betsy Sams

**Ever-present God, in remembering all we have received, we are moved to return a portion to you with gratitude. Open our eyes and our hearts today, and spur us to deeper generosity. Let our offering demonstrate that we have recognized Christ’s presence among us, blessing us beyond measure. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

“Alleluia”

Mary Murphy, soprano

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

\*DOXOLOGY

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

One: God be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Let us pray. O Lord, show us your mercy.

All: **And grant us your salvation.**

One: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Our Father 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

## THE SENDING FORTH

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

MARION

Re - joi - ce ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce give thanks, and  
Yes, on through life's long path. Still chant - ing as ye  
At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall  
Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and  
sing! Your fes - tal Ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.  
go; From youth to age, by night and day, In glad - ness and in woe.  
rest; The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
sing! Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.  
Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce give thanks and sing!

BENEDICTION

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Victimae Paschali Laudes

Andrew R. Galuska, organ

If you desire anointing and prayer for yourself or a loved one, please meet Leslie Tilley,  
Called to Care Minister, at the chancel steps following the service today.

## IN WORSHIP TODAY

**DEACON:** Betsy Sams

**ACOLYTE:** Sirius Cetrulo

### TODAY WE REMEMBER...

William (Bill) A. Flint, Jr. who died on April 21<sup>st</sup>. A service will be held at a later date at Brenntny.  
Lark Holmes who died on April 18<sup>th</sup>. A service will be held in the Chapel on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND GIVEN...**

by Harry Hicks in thanks to AOB and EFB, from Us.

**Please join us outside Community Hall for refreshments and conversation.**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>:** Join us for Graduation Sunday when C<sup>2</sup> will worship with the Sanctuary service and feature the C<sup>2</sup> Praise Band. Our graduates will be speaking at the 8:30 a.m. Chapel service and the 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary/C<sup>2</sup> service at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

**CALLING ALL GREETERS:** **A Big Thank You** to the Coker family, Margie Decker, Gerry Duhaime, Elaine McSweeney, Joan Ohl and “Charlie”, Clare Paryzek, and Roxanne Wilcox for welcoming everyone on Sunday!

**LIFELONG FITNESS CLASSES:** Come join us on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Commotion. Led by Elaine Matthes, we work on balance, flexibility, strength training, and endurance. Call Elaine at 772-469-2309 for more information.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Our Senior Minister position is now posted on both the UCC Florida Conference website and on the website of Vanderbloemen, our search firm. Candidates have begun to send resumes and profiles. In addition, our Community Church congregation has also suggested some possible candidates, and Vanderbloemen is contacting them to determine their interest. Based on the results of our congregational survey, experience as a leader in a large church and outstanding preaching skills are key qualifications for our next Senior Minister. It is not too late – if you have a Senior Minister candidate in mind, please pass his or her name along to a member of the search committee. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## MISSION MINISTRY

**GLOBAL PRAYER PARTNER: KENYA.** Bosela Eale serves with the Theology, Interfaith-Relations and Ecclesial Leadership Office in Kenya. Recently, he led a Peace Mission in Kinshasa prior to elections in order to bring synergy between Catholics and Protestant as they work together to prevent electoral violence. He also organized a Regional workshop for Councils of Churches from Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Gambia to promote Sustainable Peace and Development. Additionally, a Consultation on Peace was organized for Church leaders from Portuguese and French-speaking countries in Luanda/Angola. **Prayer:** *Lord, your comfort is always with your people in Kenya and the rest of the African continent when we face fear and despair. Your presence is enough to heal the wounded hearts and make happy those who are sad. Help your people to move from unbelief and belief in your promises. We pray today for peace in South Africa where xenophobia against other Africans living there undermines human dignity and the sacredness of human life. Amen.*

**MISSION WATCH: BIG RED BOOKCASE.** During March, students and families in the Dodgertown Elementary School selected 466 books from the Big Red Bookcase in order to promote literacy in children. Your Community Church mission dollars help children and families learn and love to read.

## ADULT EDUCATION

**BIBLE STUDY:** Come to learn about sacred texts of our faith, and to let them speak to us in ways that challenge, affirm, comfort, and support us. Participants enjoy learning with and from one another as they gather to discuss this week's lectionary scripture. All are welcome.

- **Women's Bible Study** - Final classes for the season will be held on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Men's Bible Study** - Is held on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. (donuts and coffee provided) in Community Hall East and is led by Dr. Robert T. Baggott.
- **Monday evening Bible Study:** All are welcome at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room. Join us to learn about bad trades, sibling rivalry, and powerful dreams. The class will be led by Rev. David W. Johnson.

**COMMUNITY@COMMUNITY:** Community@Community has finished for the season. Programming will resume again in the fall.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

**NURSERY CARE:** Today we offer nursery care (infants - 3 year olds) during the C<sup>2</sup> and Sanctuary worship services. Parents are asked to please bring their children to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of our Education Building prior to service. Infants - 23 months meet in Rm. 221, and toddlers (2-3 year olds) meet in Rm. 222.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our Middle School Youth Group (6-8 grade) meets every Wednesday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring friends. Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING TODAY AFTER 10:00AM SERVICES:** An acolyte plays a very important role in worship. Worship officially begins when our acolyte brings the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary, symbolizing Christ's presence with us at worship. The candles remind us that Christ was human and divine. Worship ends with a Sending Forth as the Light of Christ is carried out of the church, and the people follow. This symbolizes our being sent out as lights for Christ in the world. Please meet Doug Johnson in the Narthex of the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service TODAY. Acolyte training is open to **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students**.

**PANDEMONIUM - ROCK BAND NIGHT:** Come and be a rock star for a night as we play Rock Band together. TODAY from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. we are getting the band together with guitar, bass, drums, and vocals for a rockin' good time as we pretend to be rock stars. Youth are welcome to dress up in their best rock/pop star attire. Use the link to sign-up, <https://bit.ly/2VEtrJP>. Questions, contact Doug Johnson at [doug.johnson@ccovb.org](mailto:doug.johnson@ccovb.org).

## MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

**VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT:** We welcome the works of René Guerin exhibited in our gallery. René Guerin is an oil painter and sculptor from Vero Beach. Her paintings are Florida landscapes and seascapes, still lifes and lively figurative compositions. Her work combines direct observation with imagination and humor. Over forty years of painting experience have given her a unique and easily recognized style. The rich brushwork and palette along with the dynamic, sometimes surprising, compositions make her work distinctive. Her work was purchased by several museums, including the Vero Beach Museum of Art, and is in many corporate and private collections in the United States and Europe. She is represented by several galleries, including M. Maison and Eclectus in Vero Beach.



## SUNDAY Service Times

8:30AM CHAPEL

10:00AM SANCTUARY

10:00AM C<sup>2</sup> COMMUNITY HALL

⇒ NURSERY CARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**