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→ 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."

7.05.2020

C² SERVICE (LIVESTREAM ONLY) 8:30 A.M.

SANCTUARY AND LIVESTREAM SERVICE 10:15 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.*

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**Please rise in body or spirit. Thank you for wearing your mask throughout the service.*

Bold text indicates congregational participation.

Nursery care and Sunday School are available during our 10:15 a.m. service.

Our service is live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel and the congregation, and may appear on social media.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Grand March in E-flat, Op. 40, No. 1
March Militaire in D Major, Op. 51, No. 1
Franz Schubert

Jill A. Truax and
Andrew R. Galuska, piano

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Elaine A. Matthes

COMMUNITY WORDS

Rev. David W. Johnson

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Elaine A. Matthes

*OPENING HYMN

"America the Beautiful"

MATERNA

O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain; for pur-ple moun-tain
O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife, who more than self their
O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years thine al-a-bas-ter
maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain! A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God
coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life! A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May
cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears! A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God
shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
God thy gold re-fine, till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-ery gain di-vine.
mend thine ev-ery flaw, con-firm thy soul in self con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

*LITANY

John Langfitt

One: God who created purple mountain's majesty and amber waves of grain,

All: We give thanks for the beauty and bounty of our world, and pray for its health.

One: God who lifts burdens, releases captives, and frees slaves,

All: We give thanks for the gift of freedom and pray for the day when all people are free.

One: God who transforms hearts and inspires us to change,

All: We give thanks for new life and pray for the courage to change our world.

One: Let us pray...

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God and Living Christ, in the midst of a pandemic, we sometimes forget the beauty and goodness of our world. Forgive us. When we hear of injustice and see the inequities of our world, we sometimes get defensive and seek to deny their existence. Forgive us. Forgive us when we think of freedom as living without limits, rather than freedom to choose who we will serve. Forgive us, and set us free to live faithfully and love generously in your world. Amen

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elaine A. Matthes

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALTER

Clergy and Cantor

Antiphon:

Psalm 145: 8-14

ANDREW R. GALUSKA



The Lord is gra-cious and mer - ci - ful, a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

Cantor

One: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Cantor

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Cantor

One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Cantor

RESPONSE

One: May God who brings life out of death and hope from despair, give us life today.

All: Amen

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA



This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for

My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light beams on



lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;

clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have sun - light, too, and clo - ver,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in

and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O



oth - er lands are beat-ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

God of all the na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

One: The words of Christ are rest for the weary,

All: And a place to put our burdens down.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

RESPONSE

One: The scripture is an easy yoke,

All: We carry it with gladness and joy.

CALL FOR FREEDOM

"Oh, Freedom"

The Community Quintet

arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

There'll be singin', there'll be singin', there'll be singin', ovuh me.

And before I'll be a slave, I'll be buried in my grave, and go home to my Lord and be free.

SERMON

"Crossing Over into Freedom Land"

Rev. David W. Johnson

"Take my yoke upon you..." Matthew 11:29a

"Oh, Freedom"

The Community Quintet

arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

There'll be shoutin', there'll be shoutin', there'll be shoutin', ovuh me.

And before I'll be a slave, I'll be buried in my grave, and go home to meet my Lord and be free.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

John Langfitt

We bring our gifts each week—financial abundance, time, energy, and talent—to ask God's guidance for their use and a blessing that they may truly reach those who need God's love. Let us pray...

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, we give thanks for the many amazing opportunities we have, and the freedom to serve you in so many ways. We meet you in a hungry person and have the opportunity to give you a meal, or in a hopeless person and can offer a future. May our offerings today be used so that people everywhere can be welcomed into your church. Amen

OFFERTORY

"Hymn To Freedom"
Oscar Peterson, arr. Paul Reid

The Community Quintet

*When ev'ry heart joins ev'ry heart and together yearns for liberty, that's when we'll be free.
When ev'ry hand joins ev'ry hand and together molds our destiny, that's when we'll be free.
Any hour, any day, the time will soon come when all will live in dignity, that's when we'll be free.
When ev'ryone joins in our song and together singing harmony, that's when we'll be free, we'll be free.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Clergy of the Church

CALL TO COMMUNION

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us thank God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion!

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"
John Rutter

The Community Quintet

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight; Be though my whole armor, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be though my strong tower; O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise: Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sov'reign of heaven my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER(SUNG)

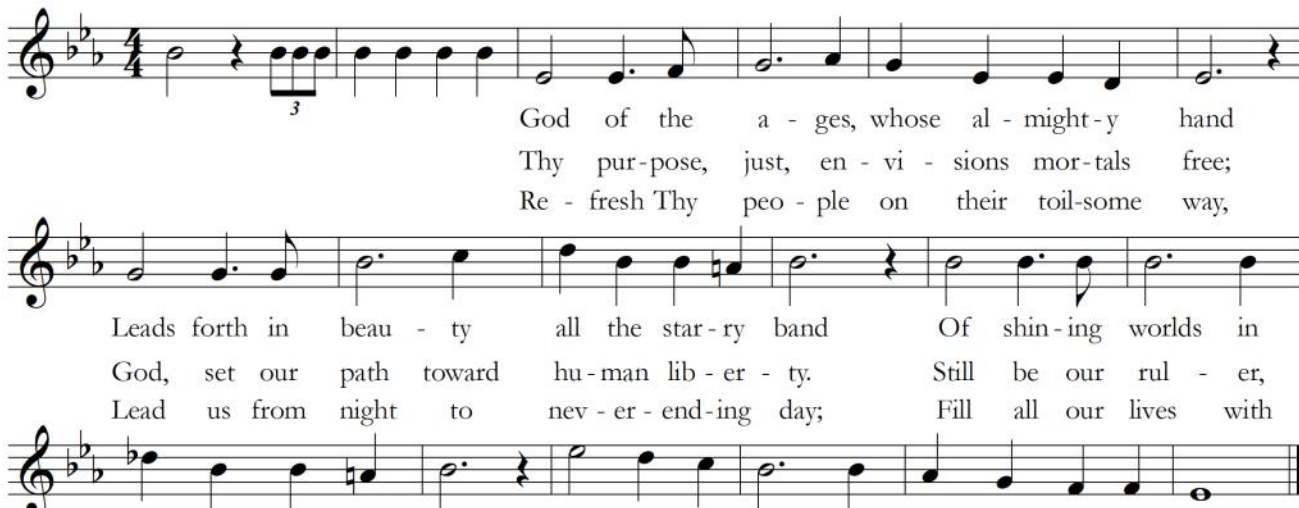
**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the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

THE SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

NATIONAL HYMN



God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
Thy pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor - tals free;
Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,
Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band Of shin - ing worlds in
God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty. Still be our rul - er,
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day; Fill all our lives with
splen - dor through the skies, Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
guard - ian, guide, and stay; Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
love and grace di - vine, And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. David W. Johnson

POSTLUDE

"The Stars and Stripes Forever"

Andrew R. Galuska and
Jill A. Truax, organ

John Philip Sousa

arr. Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault

**In the interest of safety, we ask that you please take
your bulletin home with you as you exit the Church.**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE COMMUNITY QUINTET

Rachel Carter, soprano, Mary Murphy, soprano, JoAnn Palmer, alto, Kent Ahern, tenor, Joshua Pinnock, bass

DEACON: John Langfitt **ACOLYTE:** Emma Middleton

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER...

Mary Hobbs, who died June 20th. Service plans are in progress.

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

WORSHIP

LIVE-STREAMING: To watch our services on livestream, please do one of the following:

- Log into our web page at ccovb.org. On the home page, scroll down to the box titled 'Livestream Our Service here' and click on livestream in the image, or go to the top right, click on the small camera icon. This will take you to the livestream web site for The Community Church of Vero Beach.
- Go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org>. Scroll down to where the service appears as a livestream
- Go to <https://livestream.com/watch>. In search box key in The Community Church of Vero Beach. Click on the drop down box for The Community Church of Vero Beach, the livestream page will come up.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 12TH: The sermon "Getting Grounded" will be given by Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson at 8:30 a.m. in C² livestreamed from Community Hall and in person at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us for our services.

STAYING CONNECTED

CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN: The Church Office is open for regular business hours. Hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Sunday between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Staff will be practicing social distancing. We thank you for your assistance by asking that you remain behind the identified marking provided for proper distancing when entering the Church Office.

FACEBOOK: If you would like to receive a daily word of hope please visit us on our Facebook Pages

- The Main Church Facebook page may be found at: www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org
- Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland's Minister's Message Blog is posted each Wednesday afternoon and may be found at: www.facebook.com/AnnaVCopelandBlog
- The C² Facebook page may be found at: www.facebook.com/C2Worship
- The Children and Youth Facebook page may be found at: www.facebook.com/CommotionYouth
- The Music and Fine Arts Facebook page may be found at: www.facebook.com/CCOVBDepartmentOfMusic

YOU ARE INVITED

SACRED PAUSE: Join us Monday mornings at 8:30 a. m for 15 to 20 minutes of a "Sacred Pause." Start your week with music, prayer, and reflection together with others on a Zoom call. Please contact Charlene Applegate at Charlene.applegate@ccovb.org for the call log in information.

GIVING: On behalf of your Community Church of Vero Beach, thank you for your generosity which makes ministry possible through a challenging time. We appreciate your pledge and your regular and faithful gifts. Our personal circumstances differ markedly in such a time as this. If you are in a position to pre-pay your pledge for the year or share your contribution at this time, it would greatly benefit our ability to continue to provide worship, ministry, and pastoral care to all. Thank you again for your faithfulness, now, and in every season.

ON-LINE OR TEXT GIVING: We appreciate your generosity as we seek to continue the work of God in Vero Beach. For your convenience, you can give either by texting or going online to our website. Your information is held securely by a SSL encrypted connection, will remain private, and is never given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled contributions.

- **Text to Give:** You can text a dollar amount to 772.222.3393. You will be asked to set up an account. From then on, you will be able to text a designated amount any time you'd like, just by sending the dollar amount to the number.
- **Online Giving:** Visit our website at www.ccovb.org. Click on the "GIVE" tab and follow the instructions. You can give one time or set up recurring gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Carawan by calling 772.469.2330 or by emailing shawna.carawan@ccovb.org.

UPDATE FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

As we all know, the coronavirus situation has changed virtually all aspects of our lives. The Senior Minister Search Committee is no exception, and we want the congregation to know where we stand.

First, the PAUSE portion - We are temporarily paused with candidates with whom we were already in conversation when the lockdown began in mid-March. We have used Zoom extensively to get to know them, but we have realized that...

- Candidates cannot travel
- We cannot travel to meet with them
- We cannot recommend to the congregation a candidate whom we have not met in person
- We cannot expect a candidate to accept a call to a church and a city they and their spouse have not visited

So our active discussion with candidates is on hold for now and will remain so until all of us can travel and interact more freely.

Second, we want the congregation to know we remain **ACTIVELY AT WORK** behind the scenes...

- We continue to receive names of possible candidates from church members and other sources
- Our committee members have become efficient at "digging in" and evaluating possible candidates, listening to sermons, and checking out how churches across the country are handling this strange time
- Because most large churches now stream their services, we can watch candidates and learn quite a bit about them before we even speak with them
- Using this time to plan for the next phase of our search is an effective way to "hit the ground running" whenever we are able to do so

Third, what are our **EXPECTATIONS**?

Given the state of travel and all the other unknowns of COVID-19 and a possible second wave in the fall, we currently believe it is unlikely that we will call a new Senior Minister by the end of the year.

We remain optimistic and more committed than ever to the task at hand. We are grateful that our leadership is in good hands and the church will remain strong in this transition period.

Thank you for the support you have shown us. Please continue to pray for our committee, our church leaders, and for our entire congregation as we go forward on the path God has planned for us.

For the Search Committee,

Dave



David E. Sams Jr., Chair