



"Parable of the Sower (Africa)" -Wayne Forte, 2010

7.12.2020

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.

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

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Birch Tree" Alesya V. Walters, Piano
Igor Shamo

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

COMMUNITY WORDS Rev. David W. Johnson

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

CHORAL INTROIT "With Joy" The Community Quartet
Emma Lou Diemer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

*OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" HYMN TO JOY

Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;
Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in you.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

*LITANY Everett S. Schleiter

One: God is our Divine Gardener,
All: We come in search of God's compassionate care.
One: With abundance, God tends to the landscapes of our hearts.
All: May we receive the seeds of love and generosity,
One: So that all of the world may bloom. Let us pray.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of seed and harvest, we come to share love, which you sow among all your people. May the seeds of your Word scattered among us this morning grow into your grace and flourish in your care. May your ways take root in our hearts and lives, and produce in us an abundant harvest of good works and deeds. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. David W. Johnson

ATTENDING TO GOD’S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALTER

Clergy and Cantor

Antiphon:

Psalm 65: 9-13

JILL A. TRUAX



You crown the earth with good - ness, all na - ture sings for joy.

Cantor

One: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

Cantor

One: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

Cantor

One: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Cantor

RESPONSE

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

All: **Amen**

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

One: We listen to scripture for hope in our lives.

All: **We claim the scripture as life for the world.**

Isaiah 55:8-13

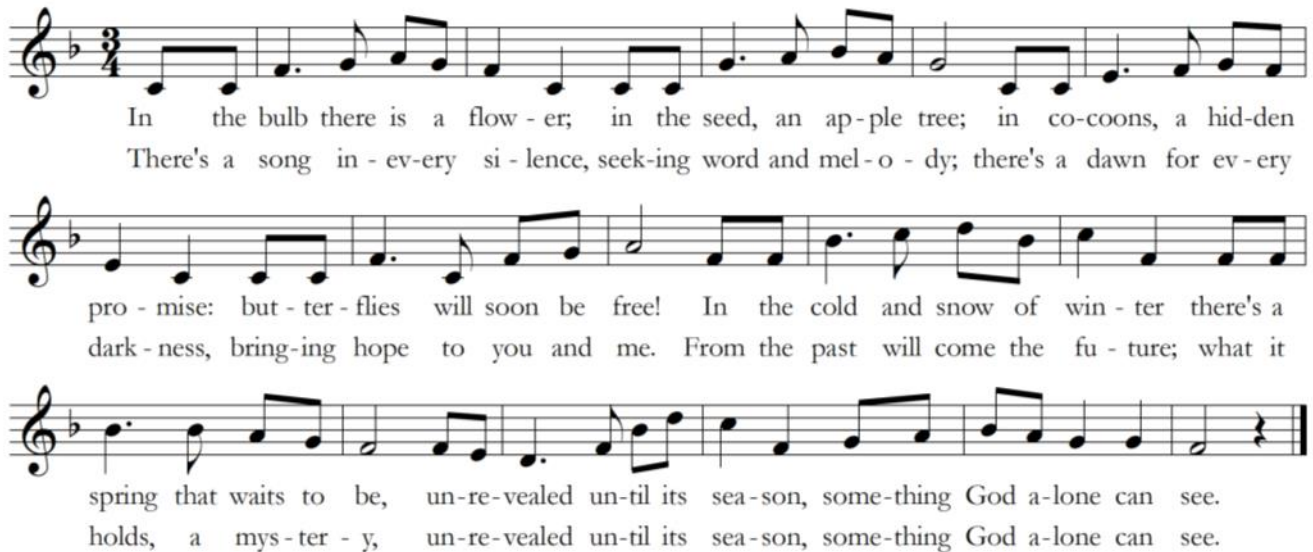
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

RESPONSE

One: These words do not remain in a book or on a pulpit.

All: **May they shape for good our weekday lives.**



In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree; in co - coons, a hid - den
There's a song in - ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy; there's a dawn for ev - ery
pro - mise: but - ter - flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a
dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me. From the past will come the fu - ture; what it
spring that waits to be, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Rev. David W. Johnson

One: We learn from the stories told by Jesus Christ,

All: May they produce in us a harvest of joy and faithfulness.

Matthew 13: 1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

RESPONSE

One: We grow in understanding of the gospel's words.

All: May we like seeds in good soil, bear fruit.

SERMON

"Getting Grounded"

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

"Listen! A sower went out to sow..." Matthew 13: 1-9

ANTHEM

"God Be In My Head"

The Community Quartet

Andrew Carter

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at mine end and at my departing.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Everett S. Schleter

We experience God's generosity in real and tangible ways—sunshine and rain, clean water and fresh vegetables, family and friends. We can become imitators of the Charitable One, who holds nothing back from us, but is bountiful and gracious with all. Let us pray...

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, who is the great Provider; we bring these offerings to celebrate your generosity to us. We have received the fruits of your Spirit among us and now return a portion from our abundant harvest. May they be blessed for their uses and may we be blessed by the joy of filling others' needs. Amen

OFFERTORY

Sonata in a minor, K. 149
Domenico Scarlatti

Jill A. Truax, piano

*DOXOLOGY

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. David W. Johnson

One: God be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: May God find the fertile places in your heart,

All: And grow a bountiful harvest.

One: Let us pray...

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Hear My Prayer, O Lord"
Daniel Gawthrop

The Community Quartet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

ST. FLAVIAN



Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
So when the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick - ening grace be - stow,



Now let the dew of heaven de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
But let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
That all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing power may know.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

POSTLUDE

"Postlude-Cantique"
Théodore Dubois

Jill A. Truax, Organ

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 QUARTET

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

GUEST MUSICIAN: Alesya V. Walters

DEACON: Everett S. Schleiter

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

by Scott Turner and family in loving memory of Donald and Jean Turner.

by Dan Emerson in loving memory of my dear, beloved wife, Patricia on her birthday.

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 19TH: The sermon "Let It Be" will be given by Rev. David W. Johnson by live-streaming at 8:30 a.m. in C² 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

YOU ARE INVITED

VOLUNTEER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: The Salvation Army of Vero Beach needs help with food distribution and also in their thrift shop (whose proceeds fund their emergency assistance fund). They are serving thousands of clients during this time, and the need is increasing. To get connected, call Elaine (their volunteer coordinator) at 772.978.0265, or contact David Johnson at the Church.

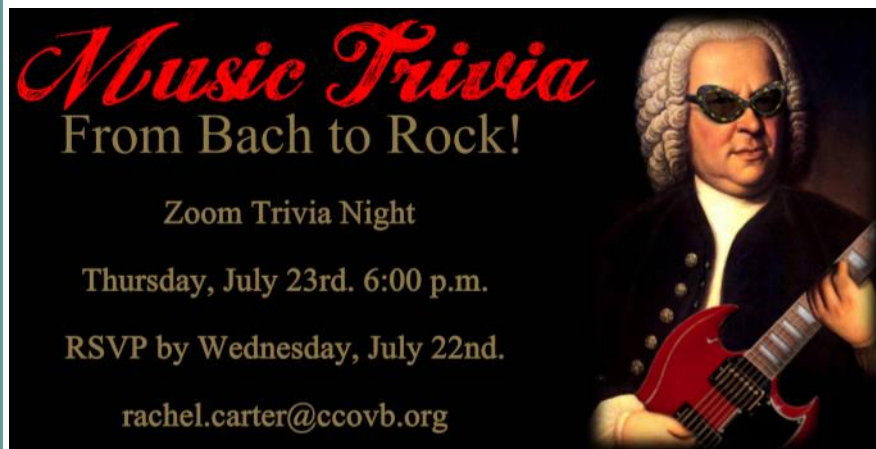
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SACRED PAUSE: Join us Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. for 15 to 20 minutes of a "Sacred Pause." Start your week with music, prayer, and reflection together with others on a Zoom call. Please contact Charlene Applegate at Charlene.applegate@ccovb.org for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

SPECIAL NOTE FOR FAMILIES: Nursery care and Sunday School will take a break for the summer months. The Garden Room will be made available for families during worship should the need arise.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AND FAMILIES: The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) project event scheduled for Friday, July 17th has been postponed until a date in late September 2020. With school back in session at that time, we will be looking at a Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more information.

MUSIC TRIVIA "FROM BACH TO ROCK": Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. the Music Ministry invites you to our second church-wide Zoom trivia night! In this episode: Andrew Galuska will put together a challenging set of questions to test our knowledge of all things musical. From Baroque to Bluegrass, from Bach to Billy Joel, this promises to be an interesting evening! Join us for this brain-teasing event. All are welcome! Space is limited. To reserve your spot, RSVP rachel.carter@ccovb.org by Wednesday, July 22nd.



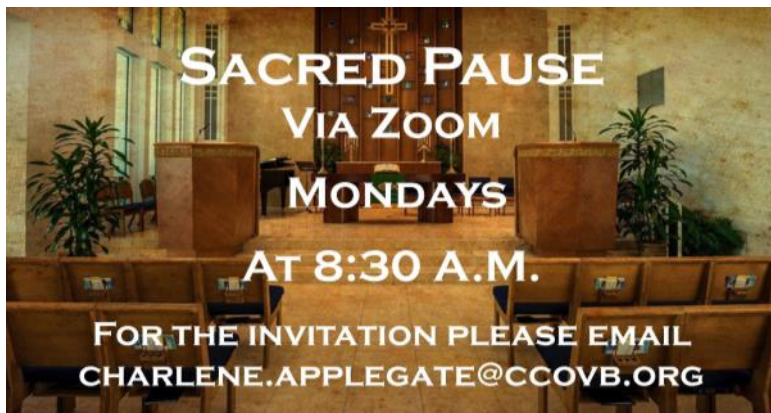
Music Trivia
From Bach to Rock!

Zoom Trivia Night

Thursday, July 23rd. 6:00 p.m.

RSVP by Wednesday, July 22nd.

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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.



GYAC
Gifford Youth
Achievement Center

22ND ANNUAL Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help fill a child's backpack with these suggested items:

- Backpacks
- Composition Notebooks
- Rulers
- Pocket Folders
- Note Book Paper
- Pens
- Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Highlighter Pens
- Notebooks
- 3 Ring Binders (2" and 3" wide)
- Foam Hand Sanitizer
- Colored Pencils
- Index Cards
- Napkins
- Calculators
- Construction Paper
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners

Please note that your monetary donations are welcome to assist us in purchasing gift cards.

Supply Drop-off Sites:

- Gifford Youth Achievement Center
- Disney Resort
- Holy Cross Catholic Church
- Northern Trust Bank
- Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital
- Community Church
- Piper Aircraft
- Living Lord Lutheran Church
- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- School District of IRC
- Buddy's Home Furnishings-Vero Store
- Waste Management
- DJJ
- Exchange Club
- Rotary Club



ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED JUNE 29TH - JULY 31ST
BACK TO SCHOOL MOBILE EVENT: AUGUST 1, 2020 | 9:00 AM | GYAC

Call Freddie Woolfork at 772.794.1005, x234 or email fwoolfork@gyac.net for more info.