



we are connected

The Community Church of Vero Beach

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.*



"At the River Jordan" by Yoram Raanan

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 01/10/2021

C² SERVICE (LIVE-STREAM ONLY) 8:30 A.M.

SANCTUARY AND LIVE-STREAM SERVICE 10:15 A.M.

COMING HOME FOR THE SEASON OR NEW TO THE CHURCH? WELCOME!

COVID-19 Protocols Made Simple

1. Wear a mask: required while on the church campus.
2. Follow Floor Signs in the Sanctuary: One way in and one way out. Arrows mark your path.
3. Socially Distance: Please sit on opposite ends of each pew unless you live together.
4. Share Offering: In the wooden boxes at each entrance to the sanctuary, on-line, or mail in by check.
5. Take Bulletin: Please recycle your bulletin at home.

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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 and congregation, and may appear on social media. Children are invited to join Lia Peters for Sunday School on the Lanai after Passing of the Peace for an outdoor lesson, art, and a fun time to worship. Please wear a mask and maintain a loving distance when picking up your children after service. Families are always welcome to worship together during service. Nursery Care is available for children under the age of four.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

"A Lesson"
William Selby

Jill Y. Truax, organ

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Brielle Middleton

COMMUNITY WORDS

Rev. David W. Johnson

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom

*OPENING HYMN

"We Hail You God's Anointed"

ELLACOMBE



We hail you God's a - noin - ted, the long - a - wait - ed One!
The wise shall bow be - fore you and gold and in - cense bring;
O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, you on your throne shall rest;



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
all na - tions shall a - dore you, and praise all peo - ples sing;
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blessed:



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows be said,
The tide of time shall nev - er your cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
your realm is still in - creas - ing, with you, O Christ, as head.
your name shall stand for - ev - er, your change - less name of Love.

*LITANY

Everett Schleter

One: Our lives and all life is a wonderful gift.

All: By God's grace we are born into this world and given life.

One: All people are God's children, making us all brothers and sisters.

All: By grace we are welcomed into God's family.

One: From beginning to end God has and continues to love us.

All: By grace we receive God's immeasurable love.

One: Let us pray...

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we thank you today for your relentless love. You loved us from our birth before we had done anything right or wrong. When we can't believe ourselves to be loveable, you love us anyway. When we turn away, and go our own way, you keep on loving us. You have claimed us as your own and sealed your love for us forever. At worship today, we receive your love as an overwhelming gift. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

At this time, Children pre-k thru 5th grade are invited to join Lia Peters for Sunday School on the Lanai.

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALTER

Rev. David W. Johnson

Psalm 138:1-3

JILL Y. TRUAX



I sing your praise with all of my heart; Great is the glo-ry of God.

Cantor

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

Cantor

One: The gospels tell the Good News that Jesus brings.

All: We listen to hear some Good News.

Luke 3:2-6, 10-11, 15-18, 21-22

During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" ...

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ... As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ...

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

RESPONSE

One: At his baptism, Jesus received God's blessing on his life.

All: In this story, we hear God's love for us all and receive God's blessing.

ANTHEM

"My Son, the Beloved"

The Community Quintet

David Blackwell

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan.*

*And as he came out of the water, he saw the heavens, the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit, the Spirit descending, like a dove on him.*

And a voice came from heaven,

"You are my Son, my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

"My Son, the Beloved."

SERMON

"Bathed"

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16b

INVITATION TO PRAYER)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Hear Our Prayer"

The Community Quintet

Andrew R. Galuska

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Everett Schleter

OFFERTORY

"I've Just Come from the Fountain"

The Community Quintet

arr. Anthony Giamanco

*I've just come from the fountain,
Lord, I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.*

O brother, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love Jesus.

*O Lord, I've just come from the fountain,
Lord, I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.*

*DOXOLOGY

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, we give thanks for the gifts of love, well-being, and life itself. We pray that through these offerings, others will know themselves to be loved and blessed by you as well. Amen

THE SENDING FORTH

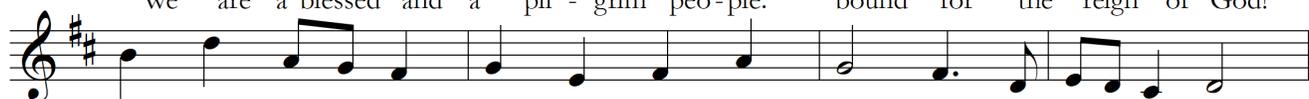
*CLOSING HYMN

"You Are the Salt for the Earth O People"

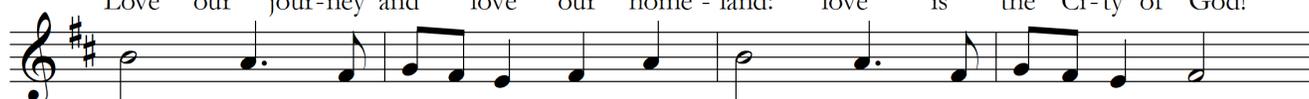
BRING FORTH



You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Ci-ty of God!
You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
We are a blessed and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the Ci-ty of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the Ci-ty of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the Ci-ty of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home - land: love is the Ci-ty of God!



Bring forth the reign of mer - cy, bring forth the reign of peace;



Bring forth the reign of Jus - tice, bring forth the Ci - ty of God!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

POSTLUDE

"March for a Joyous Occasion"

Andrew R. Galuska, organ

C. Alexander Peloquin

IN WORSHIP TODAY...

THE COMMUNITY QUINTET

Rachel E. Carter, soprano; JoAnn W. Palmer, alto; Kent J. Ahern, tenor;
Ezekiel dos Santos, baritone; Joshua W. Pinnock, bass

ACOLYTE: Brielle Middleton

DEACON: Everett Schleter

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

by Genny Ekstrom in loving memory of her husband Norris.

WORSHIP

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH: The sermon titled, "You Can't Go Home Again" will be given by Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson by live-stream in C₂ at 8:30 a.m. and both in-person and live-streamed at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us for worship. All are welcome.

LIVE-STREAM VIEWING: To watch our services on live-stream, please do one of the following:

- Visit our web page at ccovb.org. Scroll down to the box titled 'Livestream Our Service Here' and click on live-stream in the image; or go to the top right and click on the small camera icon.
- Go to our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org>).
- Scroll until you see the live-stream.
- Go to <https://livestream.com/watch>. Type "The Community Church of Vero Beach." in the search box. Click on the drop down box for The Community Church of Vero Beach, and the live-stream page will come up.

STAYING CONNECTED

DIAL-A-SERMON: We have a dedicated phone line for people to call and hear the sermon from Sunday. The sermon will be updated by Thursday each week. We hope this will be a meaningful way to stay connected. Those interested in hearing the sermon may call 772.410.5833.

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 Wednesday Minister's Blog:
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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our office staff is practicing social distancing, so please help us by observing the posted guidance.

YOU'RE INVITED...

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY

FAMILY PLATTER PAINTING WITH GLENDA TAYLOR: If you registered to paint platters, today is the day, January 10th! Join Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson and Glenda Taylor on the Lanai for brunch and artistic family fun at 12:00 p.m.

THE VINER SERIES FOR THE VISUAL ARTS: Works by our new artist, painter Mary Lou Mullan, was installed on January 8th! Her work is on display beginning today, January 10th until April. In 2020 the Community Church of Vero Beach established the Viner Series for the Visual Arts to showcase the work of area artists. The series is named for Teryl Townsend Viner, who served Community Church as a Deacon and as a member of its Board of Music and Fine Arts. A gifted painter, Teryl is listed in "Who's Who of American Art". In 2012 she was commissioned to create a painting for the church's newly renovated Chapel. You can view her work, "Reflection", in the Chapel Narthex.



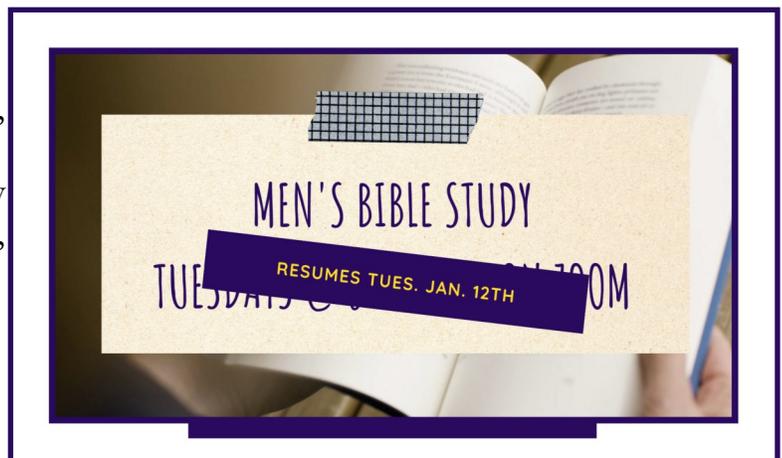
SHOWING JANUARY 10TH-APRIL 2021
New Artist:
Mary Lou Mullan
"Reflection"

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The artist writes, "Born in Queens, New York, I was a bit of a sullen girl, reading, drawing, and loving the frightening games kids can only play outside when it's DARK. Merge that with Catholic School and I ended up with a scary imagination. After a few pitiful college experiences, I landed at The School of Visual Arts in Manhattan and had a great time. After traveling many roads, I landed in Florida. Later, I received an English degree at Florida Atlantic University. I got married, taught English and Art to Florida students for 22 years, and reared two perfect sons."

"In my 'spare time,' I painted. Now, I paint and use 'spare time' for everything else. I exhibit my paintings in art shows and galleries in New York, Connecticut and Florida. My depictions of vanishing orange groves and apple orchards now belong to private collections in the United States, Europe and South America."

SACRED PAUSE: Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom.

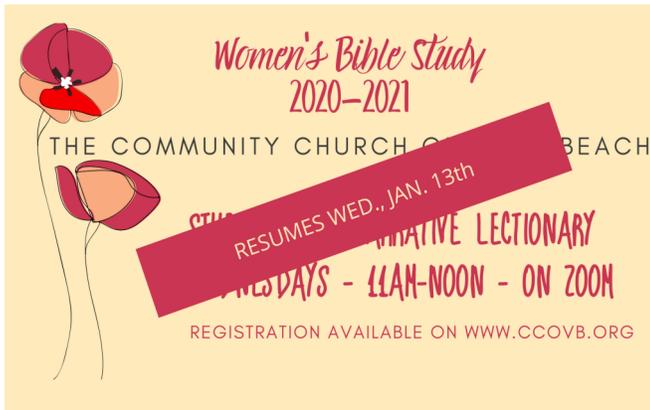


MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES TUES. JAN. 12TH

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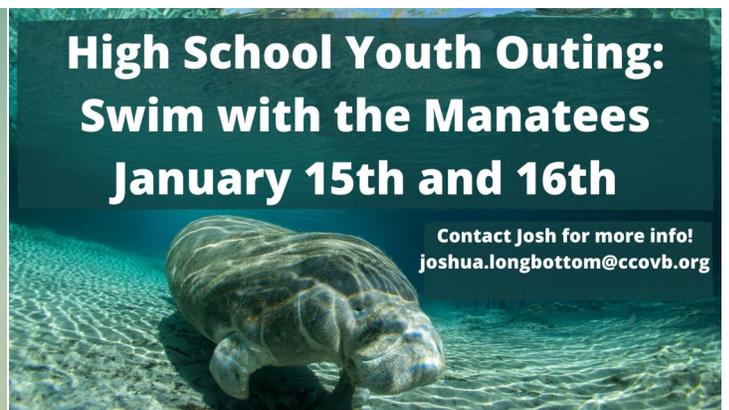
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THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom with Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson.

WEDNESDAYS @ 1:00 P.M. FACEBOOK LIVE: RESUMES THIS WEEK ON JANUARY 13TH with Artist Leslie Stokes at the Center for Spiritual Care. Join Andrew Galuska for this live-stream presentation. You may view this program at facebook.com/ccovb.org.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ADVENTURE CLUB: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.. For more information about where to meet, email Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom at joshua.longbottom@ccovb.org.

SWIM WITH THE MANATEES: High school Youth will journey to Chrystal River to stay at the Plantation Resort and swim with the manatees on January 15th and 16th. Please contact joshua.longbottom@ccovb.org for more information.

YOU'RE INVITED...

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you or a family member is in the hospital, our ministers will be happy to visit. Current hospital policy states that you must request a visit to allow a ministerial visit in the hospital. After requesting a visit, please notify the ministry staff by emailing Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org or calling the Church Office at 772.562.3633.

CONTACT A MINISTER: During this time when we are sheltering in place, we want to stay connected to you. Each week there will be a minister on call whom you may contact by email for conversation, pastoral care, or prayer. Our minister on call is Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson. You may contact her at elizabeth.johnson@ccovb.org.

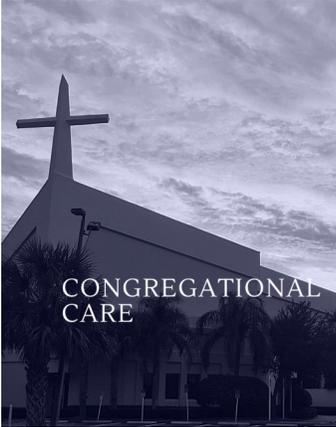
PRAYER: If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, there are numerous ways to submit a request. You may:

- In-Person: Fill out a prayer card during Sunday worship and drop it in an offering box in the Narthex.
- On-line: Email Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org; submit through our church website, www.ccovb.org.
- Call the Church Office at 772.562.3633.

MISSION: SERVING THE COMMUNITY

MISSION WATCH: CHILDCARE RESOURCES OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY. Their mission is "to elevate and promote the highest quality early childhood development and education in Indian River County, focusing on economically challenged children and families." Studies have shown that the human brain develops most between birth and three years of age. In addition, every dollar invested in quality childhood education saves as much as \$15 dollars in remedial education and criminal justice system costs. Childcare Resources not only provides preschool and daycare for working families, but also works to promote the highest quality education in other schools and programs. Your mission dollars help children grow and learn for coming generations.

HOW WE CAN HELP: If you are facing health issues, have been furloughed, or lost your job and are in need of support for food, housing, or medical assistance, Community Church has support for those within our church family. Please contact Rev. David W. Johnson at david.johnson@ccovb.org or Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland at annavcopeland@ccovb.org.



PASTORAL VISITATION
Request a Hospital Visit
Email: suzanne.rice@ccovb.org
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PRAYER ON-LINE
Prayer Requests may be submitted at www.ccovb.org
or
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Call: 772.562.3633

CONTACT A MINISTER
Our "On-Call" Minister is Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson
You may reach her at elizabeth.johnson@ccovb.org



YOU'RE INVITED...

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Share prayers online at www.ccovb.org or pray for others.
- Build and strengthen community through calls to your friends and neighbors, and continue with your Circle of Care calls.
- Contribute through donations to the CCOVB general fund, the Deacons Fund, or the Minister's Discretionary Fund to support the work and outreach of the Church for staff, church members, and wider needs in the community.
- Serve through mission initiatives. Contact Rev. David W. Johnson for more information.
- Send letters of encouragement to members and friends of the Church to connect with and support one another.
- Be the eyes and ears, hands and feet of the community, let your ministers know through the Church Office who may be in need of assistance.

GIVING

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.
- **On-line 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.
- **In-house Giving:** Please place your offering in the wooden Offering Boxes, by the doors in the Narthex as you leave worship today.
- **Give By Mail:** You may also mail a check to the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity.



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