

## 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.



"God's Grace" by Kathleen Heubener 2021 "On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." Acts 15:11

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2, 2021

 $C_2$  Service (Live-Stream Only) 8:30 A.M.

CHAPEL SERVICE (IN-PERSON 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 observe pew signage as you choose your seat for worship.
- 4. SHARE OFFERING: In the wooden boxes at each entrance to the Sanctuary, on-line or mail in by check.
- 5. TAKE BULLETIN: Please re-cycle your bulletin at home.
- 6. ENJOY HOSPITALITY: Cookies will be provided after worship for you to enjoy.
- 7. FOR CHAPEL ONLY: We invite you to join us for worship after you have been vaccinated.

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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 Sanctuary service is live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel and congregation, and may appear on social media. During 10:15 a.m. worship, children are invited to join Char Higgins in the Narthex for Sunday School after Passing of the Peace. 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

Piano Trio in G Major Op. 35, Mvt I Johann Hummel

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

**COMMUNITY WORDS** 

A MOMENT FOR GRATITUDE

## THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

**\*Opening Hymn** 

Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom-8:30 Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson -10:15

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland-8:30

Rev. David W. Johnson-10:15

#### \*LITANY

- One: God, who made the world and everything in it,
- created us and all people in God's own image. All:
- God, who knows the human heart, One:
- gave the Holy Spirit to all who desire it. All:
- God makes no distinctions among us, One:
- for we are all saved through the grace of Jesus. All:
- One: Let us pray...

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" Azmon Ο great Re-deem - er's for а thou - sand tongues to sing my praise, the Mv gra-cious Sav - ior God, sist me to claim, and my as pro to Je - sus! The name that calms our fears, bids our sor - row's that cease is Glo - ry God. and love and praise be ev - er, given by to ev er glo \_ ries ev er ech - o - ing the tri umphs of God's grace! spread through all the earth a - broad the hon of Your ors name. sin - ner's ears. \_ ic in the life. and health, and mus is peace! earth all the saints ev - ery age, church heaven. in the in and

Sasha Korcynski, violin

Adriana Stenvik, cello

Jill A. Truax, piano

Brielle Middleton

Ellis Copeland

Judy LaFage

#### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy Creator, who made the earth and called it good, who made the plants and animals and admired them with delight, who made human beings and viewed us as beautiful, forgive us when we mistrust those who are different from us and fail to sense your presence in them. Forgive us when we construct boundaries where there could be welcome, for our judgement where there could be grace, and for our suspicion when there could be wonder. Give us eyes to see with love and hearts that are open to compassion and healing. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

\*Easter Doxology

Text: Stephen Fearing

## Death has died, no longer holds us; God's embrace and love endure. Never ceasing, always blessing, grace has found us, made us sure. God the Alpha and Omega, gives us life anew each day. Christ has died and Christ is risen; all our fears have passed away.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom-8:30 Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson-10:15

Children grades K-5th may join Char Higgins in the Narthex for Sunday School. (10:15 a.m.)

# ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

### ANTIPHONAL READING OF THE PSALTER

Psalm 9:1-2; 7-8; 9-10



Cantor and Congregation

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

## Cantor and Congregation

But the LORD sits enthroned forever, God has established a throne for judgement. God judges the world with righteousness; God judges the people with equity.

## Cantor and Congregation

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Cantor and Congregation

Ellis Copeland

Ode to Joy

Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom

**RACHEL, CANTOR** 

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

One: The church thrives and grows when it listens to the Spirit. All: We listen for the Spirit to lead us.

#### Acts 15:1-11

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

#### Response

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. All: God's Holy Spirit will be our guide.

ANTHEM

"Love Divine" Howard Goodall Women's Ensemble

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesu, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast, Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find that second rest: Take away our power of sinning, Alpha and Omega be, End of faith as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above; Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation: Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee; Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise! Praise! "Worthwhile Without Proof" Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland "Now therefore why are you putting God to the test...?" Acts 15:10a

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Kinderstüke" Op. 72, No.2 Felix Mendelssohn

Jill A. Truax, piano

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CALL TO COMMUNION

CLERGY OF THE CHURCH

- One: God be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- One: Open your hearts to the presence of the Spirit.
- All: We recognize God's Spirit in people of all nations, languages and cultures.
- One: Let us thank God.
- All: We give thanks that God has welcomed us and all people to this table.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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. Our communion wine is non-alcoholic. Gluten-free wafers will be on each tray. Please hold bread and cup until all are served. Please gather bread and cup in your home, as we bless, share, and eat together.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC "Sarabande" Sasha Korcynski, violin Op. 149 Adriana Stenvik, cello Josef Rheinberger Andrew R. Galuska, organ

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

\*CLOSING HYMN

BEECHER to min-is - tries of Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice. Called grace, Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in Christ's clear call to spir - ing. work and worth, So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways or - der hu - man life, to re - spond with of We deep com - mit - ment Fresh new lines faith trace. to Let fol - low. nev - er fal - tering. Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth. us That sur - round each per - son's sor - row calm that With con - quers strife. а of shar - ing, Side side friend with friend, May we learn the art by and Men and wo - men, rich - er, poor - er, All God's peo - ple young and old, part - ners Make us in our liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease, God's E in То ful fill qual part - ners car - ing cho - sen end. our skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God Blend - ing hu - man un - fold. faith, thus giv - ing, Hope and con - fi -Mes - sen - gers of dence and peace.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

#### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

#### "May The Road Rise to Meet You" Michael Higgins

Women's Ensemble

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, The sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen

Postlude

Scherzo and Trio Op. 166 *Franz Schubert*  Sasha Korczynski, violin Adrian Stenvik, cello Andrew R. Galuska, piano

# **IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**GUEST MUSICIANS** 

Sasha Korczynski, violin Adriana Stenvik, cello

**DEACON:** Ellis Copeland

ACOLYTE: Brielle Middleton

### TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Hildie Tripson, who passed away on April 18th. A Service will be held at Waldo's Garden on May 15th.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND GIVEN...** by Paige Sturgis and family in loving memory of Jack Sturgis.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 9TH:** The sermon titled, "Family Trouble" based on Galatians 1:13 will be given at each worship service.

## WAYS TO JOIN US:

- C<sub>2</sub> On-line Only: 8:30 a.m. at ccovb.org or facebook.com/ccovb.org
- Chapel Worship: 8:30 a.m. In-person in Grace Chapel.
  - We are not able to observe social distancing due to limited space in Grace Chapel.
  - We encourage all to be <u>fully-vaccinated</u> to attend.
- **Sanctuary Worship:** 10:15 a.m. In-person and Live-streamed at ccovb.org or facebook.com/ccovb.org.
  - Vaccination is not required to attend Sanctuary Worship.
  - Masks remain a cordial requirement.
  - Thank you for showing love for your neighbor by observing posted distancing and mask guidelines.

<u>**C**</u><sub>2</sub><u>**IN-PERSON WORSHIP:**</u> C<sub>2</sub> worship has returned to Community Hall! In May we have not one, but two in-person services: May 6th and May 20th at 6:30 p.m. If you are unable to join us

in-person,  $C_2$  will continue to broadcast on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. After Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, we will take a short break. Keep an eye out for more information.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:**

Calling all teachers! We are looking for volunteers to teach Godly Play classes for Sunday School. If you are interested and available, please contact Sunday School director Lia Peters at lia.peters@ccovb.org.



**CALL FOR GREETERS:** Are you looking for a way to be more connected and involved at Community Church? The Fellowship Board is looking for Greeters to welcome all who come to worship on Sunday mornings. We need people willing to be "on call", but also those willing to greet on a regular schedule once a month. You pick the Sunday. It could be the first Sunday of every month or the second or third, your choice. If you are interested please contact Sue Schrager at 772-538-9457 or Paige Sturgis at 772-473-0019. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### **COMMUNITY LIFE...**

## STAYING CONNECTED

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

- Visit our web page at ccovb.org.
  - Go to the top right and click on the small camera icon.
  - Or, scroll down to the box titled 'Livestream Our Service Here.'
  - Click on live-stream in the image;
- 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.

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

- The Main Church Facebook page may be found at: www.facebook.com/CCOVB.org
- Rev. Dr. Copeland's Wednesday Minster's Blog: www.facebook.com/AnnaVCopelandBlog

www.facebook.com/C2Worship

- The C<sup>2</sup> Facebook page may be found at:
- The Children and Youth Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CommotionYouth
- The Music and Fine Arts Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CCOVBDepartmentOfMusic

**<u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u>**: Church Office hours are 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. Please help us by observing the posted guidance.

# **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**PERSONAL COUNSELING**: Individual or couples counseling for personal anxiety, depression, or relationship issues etc. is available at NO cost from Rev. Dr. Donald R. White on Wednesdays. We are fortunate to have this highly qualified professional who is willing to offer his expertise and guidance. Call Suzanne Rice to schedule an appointment at 772.469.2303.

**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 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. Fill out a prayer card during Sunday worship and drop it in an offering box in the Narthex. Email Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org or submit through our church website, www.ccovb.org. Call the Church Office at 772-562-3633.

## THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY...

<u>SUNDAY FUNDAY MAY 2ND</u>: Each Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Contact Rev. Josh at joshua.longbottom@ccovb.org for more information.

**LIFE-LONG FITNESS:** Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Community Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. on Zoom. The last Men's Bible Study for spring will be Tuesday, May 11th.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. The last Women's Bible Study for spring will be Wednesday, May 12th.



**WEDNESDAYS** (a) 1:00 P.M. FACEBOOK LIVE: Beginning this week a new show by artist Mary Lou Mullan will be hung in our Narthex Gallery. Join Andrew Galuska on Wednesday, May 5th for a gallery tour of this new exhibit. You may catch this broadcast online www.facebook.com/ ccovb.org.

YOUTH ADVENTURE CLUB: Middle School Youth Adventure Club meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. The last Middle School Youth Adventure club for spring will be Wednesday, May 12th. Contact Rev. Josh at joshua.longbottom@ccovb.org for more information.

# Middle School Youth Adventure Club Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

For details, email: joshua.longbottom@ccovb.org



### **COMMUNITY LIFE...**

# MISSION-COMMUNITY CARE

**MISSION WATCH:** Indian River Habitat for Humanity Circle of Faith House that the Community Church of Vero Beach helped sponsor will be dedicated on Saturday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m. Please come to 1150 11th Ave. SW. to celebrate with those who have helped build and with the owner, who has worked hard for her new home!

**How WE CAN HELP:** Through The Deacons Fund, Community Church is able to support those who are facing health issues, have been furloughed, or lost their job and are in need of support for food, housing, or medical assistance. Please contact: Rev. David W. Johnson at david.johnson@ccovb.org or Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland at annavcopeland@ccovb.org.

**How You CAN HELP:** Share prayers online at www.ccovb.org or pray for others. Connect through calls to friends and neighbors, and continue with 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 Community Church. Serve through mission initiatives. Contact Rev. David W. Johnson for more information. Connect with and support members and friends of the Church by writing letters. 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:** Text a dollar amount to 772-222-3393. After you set up an account, 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.



**\$1,767,127** Our deepest gratitude to all of you helping to celebrate our roots, cultivate our ministries, share our faith, and shape the future of our church since 1924.

Your gifts enable our church to offer worship services, provide for over 20 different outreach programs, mission trips, and faith formation activities for our adults and youth. They also allow us to give congregational care, offer educational programs, and fine arts to our members and community at large.



**GOAL** \$2,000,000

As you have been blessed by God, we invite you to bless others.

Submit your annual pledge to the missions and ministries of Community Church automatically from our website (which submits confidentially to Shawna Carawan), or by returning the pledge card to the church office either in person or by mail. For more information on how to contribute to The Community Church, please contact Shawna Carawan at 772-469-2330 or email shawna.carawan@ccovb.org.

#### **COMMUNITY LIFE**

# **MUSIC AND FINE ARTS**

**MARION C. LINK SCHOLARSHIP:** The Community Church of Vero Beach Music and Fine Arts board is pleased to offer a Music Scholarship for the fall of 2021. This scholarship is in the name of Marion C. Link and was founded by her family in 1997. The scholarship is available to residents of Indian River County who will be pursuing a music major or minor in college. An application and audition will be required. The deadline for consideration is June 1, 2021. Those interested in more information may contact Rachel Carter by email at rachel.carter@ccovb.org or by calling (772) 469-2320.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! C<sup>3</sup> FINE ARTS CAMP:** This summer from July 26<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup> our music and fine arts camp returns! "Water, Water Everywhere: Music, Fine Arts, and Eco Justice" will welcome campers ages 5 to 10 for daily workshops in music, movement, fine arts and more! Registration forms can be found at ccovb.org/c3. Space is limited, so please register early. For more information contact Rachel Carter at rachel.carter@ccovb.org or Lia Peters at lia.peters@ccovb.org. You may also call 772-469-2320.



## **COMMUNITY CHURCH STAFF**

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland	Interim Senior Minister
Rev. David W. Johnson	Minister of Mission & Education
Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson	Minister for Family & Community Life
Rev. Joshua J. Longbottom	Minister of Youth & Emerging Worship

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