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→ The Community Church of Vero Beach



## **WELCOME**

*We invite you to experience this "community of God's people, who follow Christ's way, worship in Christ's name, welcome and love all, serve widely and joyfully, to transform our lives and world by reflecting God's living spirit."*



*"Light in the Dark" by Daniel Hodac ~ 2017  
fineartamerica.com*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

CHAPEL SERVICE 8:30 A.M.

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

Due to increased cases of the COVID-19 Delta Variant, we ask all to wear a mask and keep safe distance while on our church campus regardless of vaccination status.

When meeting in CCOVB small groups you may choose to meet on Zoom.  
You may also meet in person on campus, if all who attend are vaccinated and masked.

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Thank you for wearing your mask throughout the service. regardless of your vaccination status.*

**Bold text indicates congregational participation. \*Please rise in body or spirit. Our service is live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel and congregation, and may appear on social media. Children grades K-5 are invited to join Lia Peters in the Narthex for Sunday School following passing of the peace. Families are always welcome to worship together during service.**  
*Nursery Care is available for children under the age of four during our Sanctuary service.*

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Adagio  
Symphony No. III, Mvt. IV  
*Lois Vierne*

Andrew R. Galuska, organ

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Casey Watkins

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David W. Johnson

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE



I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,  
I sing the good - ness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.  
That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea - tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.  
I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Oh, how your won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:  
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;  
The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
Wher - ev - er peo - ple gath - er, you, O God, are pre - sent there.

\*LITANY

Sue Wimpy

One: In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light" and all creation awakened,  
All: **And God looked upon our created world and declared that all of it was very good.**  
One: Jesus, the Light of God, came into the world to shine in the midst of darkness,  
All: **And the darkness was not able to overcome it.**  
One: All people, at all times and in all places, carry in them the image of God,  
All: **And God has declared that we are all good and worthy of love.**  
One: Please pray with me...

**Loving God, you have given us light and life and for that we give thanks. You have given us Jesus, the Light of the World, and for him we give thanks. You have given us a new season of ministry, full of opportunities and challenges, and for that we give thanks too. We pray that your light would be present with us at worship today helping us to understand the scriptures, calling us to ministry in your name, and inspiring us to carry your light throughout our community and world. Amen**

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

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## ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALM

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

*Psalm 19:1-4*

Joseph Haydn



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God.

*Cantor and Congregation*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

*Cantor and Congregation*

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Rev. David W. Johnson

INTRODUCTION

**One:** The stories of our beginnings help us discover who we are and who we are called to be.

**All:** **We listen to understand our past and discern our future.**

*Genesis 1:1-5, 14-15; 2:1-3*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was formless and void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and called the darkness Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day...

...And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth..."

...Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that God had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.

RESPONSE

**One:** We see the handiwork of God in all of creation.

**All:** **The beauty and goodness of creation gives light to our world.**

SOLO

"Bright is the Ring of Words"  
from *Songs of Travel*  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Joshua M. Pinnock, bass

*Bright is the ring of words when the right man rings them,  
Fair the fall of songs when the singer sings them.  
Still they are carolled and said—on wings they are carried—  
After the singer is dead and the maker buried.*

*Low as the singer lies in the field of heather,  
Songs of his fashion bring the swains together.  
And when the west is red with the sunset embers,  
The lover lingers and sings, and the maid remembers.*

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

*John 1:1-5*

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

SERMON

"God Talk"

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." John 1:5*

CALL TO PRAYER

"Shalom"  
Dan Forrest

Rachel E. Carter, soprano  
Joshua M. Pinnock, bass

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Elizabeth B. Johnson

***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

Sue Wimpy

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Will Sing New Songs"  
from *Biblical Songs*, op. 99 no.5  
Antonín Dvořák

Jill A. Truax, soprano

*I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.  
Every day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name, I will bless Thy Holy Name.  
Great is God and great His mercy, Who shall tell of all His greatness?  
Who shall His power declare?*

*My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts.  
Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing.  
Yea, all shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might,  
and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sue Wimpy

**Generous God, our world began with your gift of life, it continues with the rising of the sun each day, and it is given direction through the example of Jesus, our light. Receive these offerings from us and use them to shine your light far and wide, affirming all people that they are good and loved by you.  
Amen**

# THE SENDING FORTH

COMMUNITY WORDS

Rev. David W. Johnson

\*CLOSING HYMN

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

HOLY MANNA



God, who stretched the span-gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood of our race;  
As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,  
flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the sil - ent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;  
Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.  
We, Your child - ren in Your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with You;  
Probed the se - crets of the at - om, Yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or, well be - gun;  
Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

POSTLUDE

"Carillon"  
*Lois Vierende*

Jill A. Truax, organ

## IN WORSHIP TODAY...

DEACON: Sue Wimpy

ACOLYTE: Casey Watkins

### TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Ethelyn Berry, who passed away on Sunday, September 5. Service plans are in progress.

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

by Joan Ohl, Brad Lorimier, and Cooper in celebration of Joan's sister, Barbara Ruddy's birthday.  
in loving memory of Nancy Johnson by her husband, Ed and their family.

*We extend Christ's wide welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, or sexual identity.  
The invitation to join our congregation in worship and in membership is always open,  
as we allow our lives to be shaped by the loving outreach of Christ.*



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### SERVICE TIMES

CHAPEL WORSHIP AT 8:30 A.M.  
In-Person Only

SANCTUARY WORSHIP AT 10:15 A.M.  
In-Person and Live-Streamed

C<sub>2</sub> WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.  
Returns Sunday, September 19  
in Community Hall

JAZZ VESPERS SEPTEMBER 26 AT 7:00 P.M.  
In-Person in the Courtyard  
Rain Location - Community Hall

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY  
8:00-11:30 A.M.

### STAYING CONNECTED

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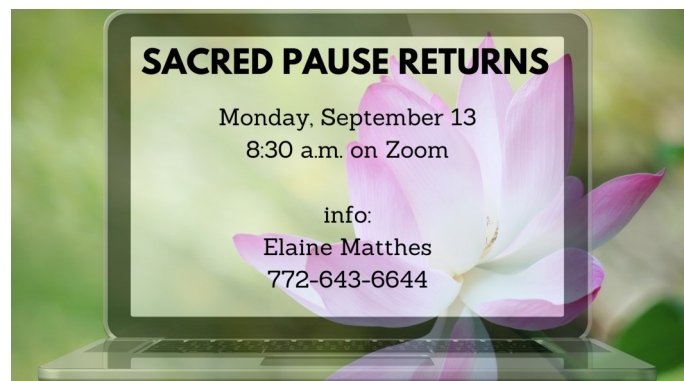
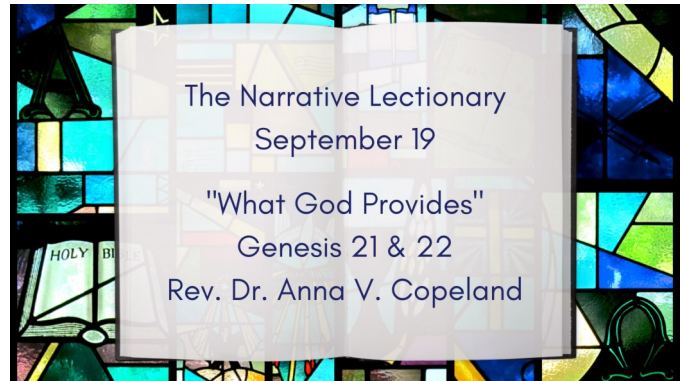
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**NEW MEMBERS CLASS TODAY, SEPTEMBER 12:** Interested in learning more about Community Church? Would you like to join our faith community? Join Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland today, September 12 at 11:45 a.m. in Community Hall for our New Members Class. The date we receive our new members in worship has changed to September 26.

**SACRED PAUSE RETURNS TOMORROW:** Sacred Pause is a weekly time of spiritual renewal. This Fall, we will be using the book, "Everyday Spirit" - a book of inspirational daily messages on kindness, gratitude, joy, peace, meditation, self-care, faith and forgiveness by Mary Davis. This small group meets Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom. For more information, please call Elaine Matthes at 772-643-6644.

## Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m.

Community Church of Vero Beach  
Music and Fine Arts Preview  
with Sean Sexton

Wednesday, September 15

Andrew Galuska, host

 LIVE facebook.com/ccovb.org



**CALL FOR GREETERS:** If you are interested in welcoming visitors, members, and regular attenders with a smile on Sunday mornings, look no further! Contact Sue Schrager by calling 772-538-9457 or email her at [suzdesignsvb@aol.com](mailto:suzdesignsvb@aol.com).

## MUSIC & FINE ARTS

**MUSIC MINISTRY ZOOM CHECK-IN:** Join the Music Ministry team on Zoom Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. for a time of catching up and virtual fellowship. If you would like to attend please RSVP no later than 12:00 p.m. on September 15. After a full list is made, the link will be sent via email. Send RSVP to [rachel.carter@ccovb.org](mailto:rachel.carter@ccovb.org) or call her at 772-469-2320. We look forward to seeing you.

**AGO MEMBERS RECITAL:** The Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a free concert on Sunday, September 19 at 4:00 p.m. This annual event features a variety of music and performers. The concert is open to the public. For more information please contact [Andrew.Galuska@ccovb.org](mailto:Andrew.Galuska@ccovb.org)

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

**BIBLE PRESENTATIONS:** Do you have a Kindergartener or Third Grader? We would like to present him/her with an age-appropriate Bible on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> during our 10:15 am Sanctuary service. Please call the Church Office at 772-562-3633 or email [Charlene.applegate@ccovb.org](mailto:Charlene.applegate@ccovb.org) to reserve a Bible for your little one.

**SEASIDE SUCCULENT CLASS:** Autumn is here and you are invited to embrace the Fall season with pumpkin planters! Join us for a fun class to fill your own pumpkins with beautiful succulent plants. Leslie Thomas, owner of The Seaside Succulent from Grant-Valkaria, FL will teach us about succulents and help us fill our pumpkins with her beautiful plants. Please RSVP by emailing [Charlene.applegate@ccovb.org](mailto:Charlene.applegate@ccovb.org) to attend. \$5 to fill your small pumpkins, \$25 to fill your basketball sized pumpkin. This event is BYOP. (Bring Your Own Pumpkin)

## MISSION-COMMUNITY CARE

**COUNSELING:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. White is available for individual and couples counseling. Call Suzanne Rice at 772-469-2303 for a Wednesday appointment.

**HOW WE CAN HELP:** The Deacons Fund offers support to members of The Community Church. If you are in need, please contact Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland at [annavcopeland@ccovb.org](mailto:annavcopeland@ccovb.org).

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Stay in contact and pray for others, 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. Email Rev. David W. Johnson for more information at [david.johnson@ccovb.org](mailto:david.johnson@ccovb.org).





## COMMUNITY LIFE

**Healing After Loss:** Join us for prayers, poetry, and peace on Thursday, September 30 from 3:30-4:30pm as we share our grief together. We will continue to meet once a month for reflection, renewal, and to take part in spiritual practices. Participants need to be vaccinated and wear a mask. For more information, please email [elizabeth.johnson@ccovb.org](mailto:elizabeth.johnson@ccovb.org).

**MISSION WATCH:** Community Church is joining Coastal Connections, Environmental Learning Center, Ocean Research & Conservation Association, and Keep Indian River Beautiful at Riverside Park for International Coastal Clean-up Day, the world's largest, volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. We will meet on Saturday morning, September 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Contact Scott Turner at [sfturner1962@gmail.com](mailto:sfturner1962@gmail.com) or 772-633-7164.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**SMALL GROUP PROTOCOLS:** When meeting in CCOVB small groups or you may choose to meet on Zoom. You may also meet in-person on campus if all who attend are vaccinated and masked.

**VINER SERIES FOR THE VISUAL ARTS:** On October 1 we welcome to our Narthex Gallery cowboy and cow culture artist Eldon Lux. His work will show from October 1 to December 31.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join Rev. David W. Johnson for weekly Zoom Bible study following the Narrative Lectionary on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. beginning October 5. To sign up, please email [suzanne.rice@ccovb.org](mailto:suzanne.rice@ccovb.org).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on ZOOM for a study that will follow the narrative lectionary. Please email [Charlene.applegate@ccovb.org](mailto:Charlene.applegate@ccovb.org) to receive a weekly ZOOM invitation and handouts for each lesson. Rev. Elizabeth Johnson will share insights on the upcoming Sunday's scriptures to deepen your knowledge of the weekly Psalm and sermon passage. Please join us!

**EXPLORE AND ENGAGE:** Whether it's vaccines, clean energy, CRT or something else, there are many complicated issues confronting our world today. Explore and Engage is an opportunity to *explore* some of these confusing and sometimes controversial questions through the eyes of faith in order to see behind the rhetoric; and then we will talk about practical ways to *engage* these issues as people who follow Jesus. "E and E" will initially gather October 7 on zoom from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and will continue to meet on the first Thursday evening each month to explore a topic through lecture, film, or interview, and then engage by seeking to think and live in new ways. Contact Suzanne Rice at [suzanne.rice@ccovb.org](mailto:suzanne.rice@ccovb.org) in the church office to receive a zoom invitation.

