



Community UCC

We're worth our words

Welcoming Progressive Community

Vibrant Messengers of Hope



Champaign, Illinois

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

November 13, 2022

Thoughts Before Worship—

We enter into partnership with those whose meals we eat. The Greek behind “partnership” and “sharing” are both forms of the koinonia word family. In its fullest expression in antiquity, the word koinonia could refer to a formal, voluntary association in which two or more people agreed to work together for a common purpose. Each partner contributed something to the common work, each partner benefitted from the partnership, and each partner represented the partnership. The members of the partnership could call on one another to enact their commitment—to bring their resources into—the common work. Each partner was to be committed to the values and practices of the partnership.

If you have requests to add to the prayer list (a public document), go to community-ucc.org/pray (a Google Form), or scan the QR code found in the bulletin or there are prayer cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary that you may fill out and hand to the usher.

Gathering Music

Aaron Ames

*Call to Worship

When the world invites us to the table of idols

We will choose the table of the Lord

When the world invites us to the table of violence

We will choose the table of peace

When the world invites us to the table of our own individual silos, of us against them

We will choose the table of radical hospitality

When the world invites us to the table of oppressive power

We will choose the table of sacrifice and service

When the world invites us to the table of greed

We will choose the table of generosity

Let us worship the One who invites us to find our place at this table.

*Invocation

Together, let us pray:

We welcome you to our service this morning. Celebrating the diversity of creation, Community United Church welcomes persons of any age, ability, race, gender identity, sexual orientation or life condition. May the Divine Presence become real to you through this time of worship. We hope you come back!

Note: *Our worship services are live streamed. If you prefer not to have the back of your head seen on the live stream worship please do not sit in the first seven pews on the left side (organ/piano) of the sanctuary.*

Note 2: *The congregation responds to the liturgy parts in **BOLD***

*Everyone is invited to stand in body or in spirit.

God of blessing, you forever set a table before us, full of good things to nourish our hearts, minds, and souls. Worship is full of what we desire most to praise you in song and prayer, to hear and study your word for us deeply, to gather at one table, sharing generously with each other and the world. Here in worship, we catch a glimpse of your Realm among us, our oneness with each other and with You.

***Hymn**

I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty

NCH 50

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Welcome

Introit

I Am Welcome

Songbook 28

Words and Music by Bryan Sirchio
www.sirchio.com

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess to you the ways we have fallen short of your Realm. We revel in our pride and arrogance and fail to take notice of the impact our behavior has on others. The ways that we, in our desire for our comfort above all things, participate in systems of exploitation. We look for loopholes in our faith and practice rather than choosing those things that are beneficial and build up one another. For the ways in which we deny the one-ness of your body as experienced in the sharing of the one bread. May we be awakened to our mutual life of study and stewardship and again share in your one cup of blessing. Amen

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of the Peace**

As we share signs of peace with one another, you are invited to either to stay in your pew and offer a wave or peace sign to those around you, or to move from your space and exchange signs of peace with one another. As a church, we recognize that some folks may want to refrain from shaking hands. Respect one another's lead in this as we pass the peace. Peace be with you!

Children's Moment

Anthem

An Expression of Gratitude

CUCC Choir

David Schwoebe

One License Song # FBC-A017411, One License #A-734456

Call to Prayer



After the sermon, we will offer up our joys and concerns. Your prayer requests will be offered aloud. Whether you are sitting here in the sanctuary, or worshipping with us remotely, you are invited to add your joys and concerns to the prayer list: go to community-ucc.org/pray (a Google Form), or scan the QR code found here or there are prayer cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary that you may fill out and hand to the usher.

Prelude to Scripture

Whether we take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth, or story, let us listen now for the meaning it might hold for us on this day.

Sacred Reading from the Epistles

1 Corinthians 10:14-17

¹⁴Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. ¹⁵I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Postlude to Scripture

Together, let us say:

May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.

Message

The Word Preached

Quiet Meditation

Responding to the Word Preached: In-gathering of our Pledges

It is Ingathering Sunday here at Community United Church of Christ. This morning, we are passing the offering plates where you may place your pledge. You may also turn them in online, mail them in, or drop them off at church. No matter how they arrive, no matter how much we have pledged, no matter if we are a long-time pledger or this is our first time – no matter what, God blesses the gifts we share. From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving, we gather up the gifts and cultivate hope in these uncertain times as a community. If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so today. You can go to www.community-ucc.org and click “pledge” to do so.

***Hymn**

Take My Gifts

NCH 562

Shirley Erena Murray, Colin Gibson
One License Song # 27994, One License #A-734456

Call to Offering

Friends, we are invited to remember that, again and again, we are called to be the Body of Christ, working together to make our world a more just, merciful, and caring place. This is what we do as a church. Whether creating a space where college students feel safe to explore the big questions of life, feeding hungry people good and nutritious meals, supporting one another through life’s trials, gifting our children with a faith that will support them their whole lives long, or gathering week after week to worship, spreading a message of hope, this is what we do, and who we ARE as a church. Our mission and ministry is made possible through the generosity of you, Community UCC’s members and friends, and your gift of time, expertise, talent, and treasure.

Faithful God, we thank you for the gifts we have received; bless their use for the building up of the body. We dedicated to you the gifts we have pledged for the coming year and the offerings we have shared: bless their use for the building up of the body as well. We thank you for the gift of this community, may the gifts shared today contribute to our common work that we might more fully experience true koinonia. Amen.

Today’s Steward

Jennifer and Grant Robbennolt

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Ubi Caritas

Contributors: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community
One License Song # 00798, One License #A-734456

Commissioning of the Community

***Hymn**

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

NCH 76

Omer Westendorf, Welsh folk melody, Harm. Leland Sateren, Descant, The New Century Hymnal
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Benediction

Benediction Response

Halleluja

NCH 236
CUCC Choir
Caribbean melody

2022 Stewardship Spotlight from November 6

“I’m rather new to Community UCC: I came here for the first time on Ash Wednesday because my grandfather was dying, and I felt that I needed to be called a child of God. I didn’t realize that I was also stepping into the abundance of God’s Kingdom. Through Campus Ministry I’ve been fed and cared for and have met some of the kindest people I know. This is the first time I’ve been to a church that hands out exam care packages and blesses my backpack. This is the first time I’ve been at protests and found my pastors there. This is the first time I’ve been to a church where I feel truly accepted for who I am. I began volunteering at Jubilee Café over the summer because I saw the request on the yellow page of announcements, and even after just a few weeks here, it was easy to want to give back. The Community UCC motto is “We’re worth our words.” That is a bold statement, but in my short time here, I’ve found it to be truer than I could have imagined. Thank you for being worth your words.”

—Sabrina Lee

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