

WELCOME TO YOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024



"Such is the Kingdom of God" by Daniel Bonnell
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8:30 a.m. Grace Chapel Worship

10:15 a.m. Sanctuary & Livestream Worship



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF VERO BEACH

COURAGEOUS • CURIOUS • CREATIVE • COMPASSIONATE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation. 10:15 a.m. Worship is live-streamed, capturing the chancel and congregation, and may appear on our website and social media.

Nursery care is available during 10:15 a.m. worship.

PRELUDE Sonata in F Major, K.332 "Allegro" Jill A. Truax, piano
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

COMMUNITY WORDS Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

RINGING OF THE HOUR "What does the Lord Require of You?" Community Ringers
Hal Hopson arr. Rachel Carter Murphy

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Beverly A. Zell

*OPENING HYMN "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
REGENT SQUARE



Christ is made the sure founda-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
To this tem-ple, where we call You, come, O God of Hosts, to-day!
Here re-new Your ser-vants' vis-ion, that by faith they may at-tain



Cho-sen of our God and pre-cious, bind-ing all the Church in one;
With Your con-stant, lov-ing kind-ness hear Your peo-ple as they pray.
Peace and hope, re-newed com-pas-sion, strength to com-fort those in pain,



Ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and our con-fi-dence a-lone.
Give Your full-est ben-e-dic-tion: grace to fol-low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans-formed to glad-ness in Your ev-er-last-ing reign.

*OPENING LITANY Anthony Venturini

One: Jesus offers a new-old commandment, that we should love each other.

All: With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us, we can, we must love one another.

One: And it is in this, our love for one another, that the world will know whom and what we worship.

All: Come, children of God, let us love one another.

One: Please pray with me...

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Anthony Venturini

Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and prayers. Come among us, living Lord. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in your way. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

At this time, children pre-K to 5th grade may gather in the Narthex for Sunday School. (10:15)

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING OF PSALM 33

Clergy of the Church



The earth is filled with the love of God, the un-fail-ing love of God.

Cantor and Congregation

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

Cantor and Congregation

Our soul waits for the LORD; God is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in the LORD, because we trust in God's holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Cantor and Congregation

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

One: The world would have us think that our personal preferences and opinions pass as truth.

All: God binds us together despite our perceived differences, as one body through Christ.

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

One: The Psalmist proclaims the God who knit us together in our mothers' wombs. Now through the kin-dom of God, Christ knits humanity together as One.

All: In our deeply divided world, we proclaim the gospel of our unity through faith.

ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Gwyneth Walker

Chancel Choir

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Promise of life yet to come;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Guardian of heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

Be Thou my vision, my wisdom, my light.

*Guardian of heaven, when my life is done,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, Creator of all.*

SERMON

"Crossing the Divide"

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"God Be In my Head"
Rob Landes

Chancel Choir

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my 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 my end and in my departing. Amen*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

**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

Anthony Venturini

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Glorious Praise"
John A. Behnke

Community Ringers
Andrew R. Galuska, organ

**O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of Christ.
Amen**

THE SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East Or West"

ST. PETER



In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What - e'er your race may be.
In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;



But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Andrew R. Galuska, organ

Virgil Fox

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Deacon: Anthony Venturini

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

James Patrick Barrett, who passed to glory on April 14, 2024.

Tom Rush Ragland, who passed to glory on April 23, 2024

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

Liturgy today sourced and adapted from:

Katherine Hawker, posted on Outside the Box at liturgyoutside.net

The UCC Book of Worship.

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY...

Historical Tour Today: For those of you who signed up to take the tour today of our beautiful church campus, please meet at the welcome table as soon as the 10:15 a.m. worship services are over. Your tour guide will meet you there.

Viner Series Artist Cristina Abizaid: We are pleased to welcome artist Cristina Abizaid to our Narthex Gallery from April to July! Take some time to view the artwork in the gallery before you leave today. You also have a wonderful opportunity to meet the artist. Cristina will be in the Narthex today following 10:15 a.m. worship.

Sacred Pause Book Study Tomorrow: How do you view the aging process? Is it tinged with anxiety and regret? Or do you see it as an adventure, a time to find meaning, and a ripening? Or, is it a little of both? Gift of Years, Joan Chittister's best-selling book, offers you the chance to look at this time of maturation with fresh eyes, with joy for what has been and optimism for what is to come. Join the Sacred Pause group for a study and discussion of this book on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome. To request a Zoom link, contact charlene.applegate@ccovb.org.

Wellness Ministries: Move your body with Elaine Matthes and a welcoming group. Life-Long Fitness is Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Qigong is Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Elaine at 772-643-6644.

Spiritual Direction is offered by Rev. Beverly Zell, Minister for Congregational Care and commissioned spiritual director. Information is available in the Church Office for those who want to learn more. To make an appointment call Suzanne at 772-469-2303.

The Chosen Season 3:

Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Loft.
Mondays with Rev. Jacob at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft.



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.

NARTHEX GALLERY

NOW SHOWING

CRISTINA ABIZAID



Sacred Pause Book Study

**"The Gift of Years" by Joan Chittister
Begins April 29**

Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom
Sign up in the Church Office or
email Charlene.Applegate@ccovb.org.

Wellness Ministries

With Elaine Matthes

Mondays & Wednesdays:

Fitness at 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays:

Qigong at 9:30 a.m.

Info: 772-643-6644



Spiritual Direction

with Rev. Beverly Zell

MONDAYS BY APPOINTMENT

10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Contact Suzanne Rice

772-469-2303

Suzanne.Rice@ccovb.org



SEASON 3-COME AND SEE!

Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Loft

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft



LOOKING AHEAD AT COMMUNITY...

C³ Music & Fine Arts Camp 2024: Join us as we takeover the church campus for an entire week, learning about how Jesus calls us just as he called his disciples, while making beautiful music, creating works of art in multiple mediums, and learning dance choreography all in one week! Camp is Monday, July 22 to Friday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and open to children aged 5 to 10. Camp fee is \$75 per child and scholarships are available.

Registration opens on May 1! Grab your registration form at the Welcome Table in

the Courtyard or visit the Church Office. Contact Rachel Carter Murphy at 772-469-2320 or rachel.carter@ccovb.org for more information about attending or volunteering.

C³ Camp Sponsors: Scholarships increase the accessibility of our camp, allowing us to welcome children who might not be able afford a week-long camp experience. We have been so blessed by your generosity in past years, allowing a third of our campers to attend our camp at a reduced, or waived fee. If you would like to sponsor one or more children this year, contact Rachel Carter Murphy at 772-469-2320 or rachel.carter@ccovb.org.



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The Community Church of Vero Beach was "Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more that binds us together than separates us in the worship of God."

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, and serve widely and joyfully, to transform our lives and world by reflecting God's living Spirit.

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



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OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR

April 15, 2024

Reverend Dr. Anna V. Copeland
The Community Church of Vero Beach
1901 23rd Street
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Dear Reverend Copeland:

On behalf of the City Council, we wanted to congratulate The Community Church of Vero Beach on its historic 100th Anniversary. It is amazing that the Church has been at the same location for over a century and has served as a community pillar in Vero Beach.

The mission of the Community Church of Vero Beach has always stood out in this community. It focuses on nurturing the minds of young children through its quality early childhood education programs and prepares them for future success. Not to mention providing guidance to the whole congregation and supporting all those in need of the services that the Community Church offers.

As Mayor of the City of Vero Beach, I wanted to personally express my sincere gratitude for the Church's invaluable contributions to the community over the past century and congratulates the Community Church of Vero Beach on its historic 100th Anniversary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Cotugno".

John Cotugno, Mayor
City of Vero Beach

JC/tb