

*RESPONSIVE LITANY

Susan Kramer

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

One: Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

All: It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

You have called us here, O God, and we come by habit or curiosity.

You promise us new life, through your Spirit, your Word, your Way.

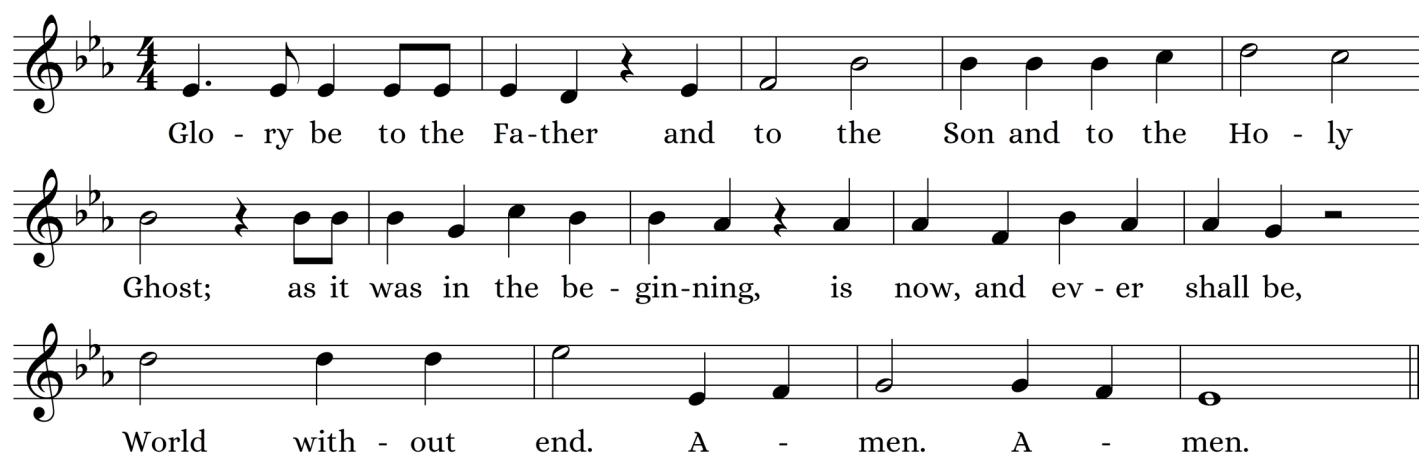
Break our resistance to you, and restore our relationships with you and one another.

For it is good, it is pleasant when we live at peace with one another. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory be to the Father"

GREATOREX



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
World with - out end. A - men. A - men.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines



ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

GENESIS 45:1-5

Rev. Jan Hoffman

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Help Us Forgive, Forgiving Lord"

ST. FLAVIAN



Help us for - give, for - giv - ing Lord, the wrong that oth - ers do
Let grace un - lock each pris - oned heart, un - coil each fist - ed hand



and, when our hearts are pierced by pain, to bring the hurt to you.
un - til from hate our hearts are freed, our hands in love ex - tend.

GENESIS 45:9-15

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

UNISON RESPONSE

All: By the reading and hearing of these words may our lives be transformed.

ANTHEM

"Source of All Healing"
Michael John Trotta

Community Singers

MESSAGE

"Choosing Grace"

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"There is a Balm in Gilead"
arr. Daniel Light

Jill A. Truax, piano

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Susan Kramer

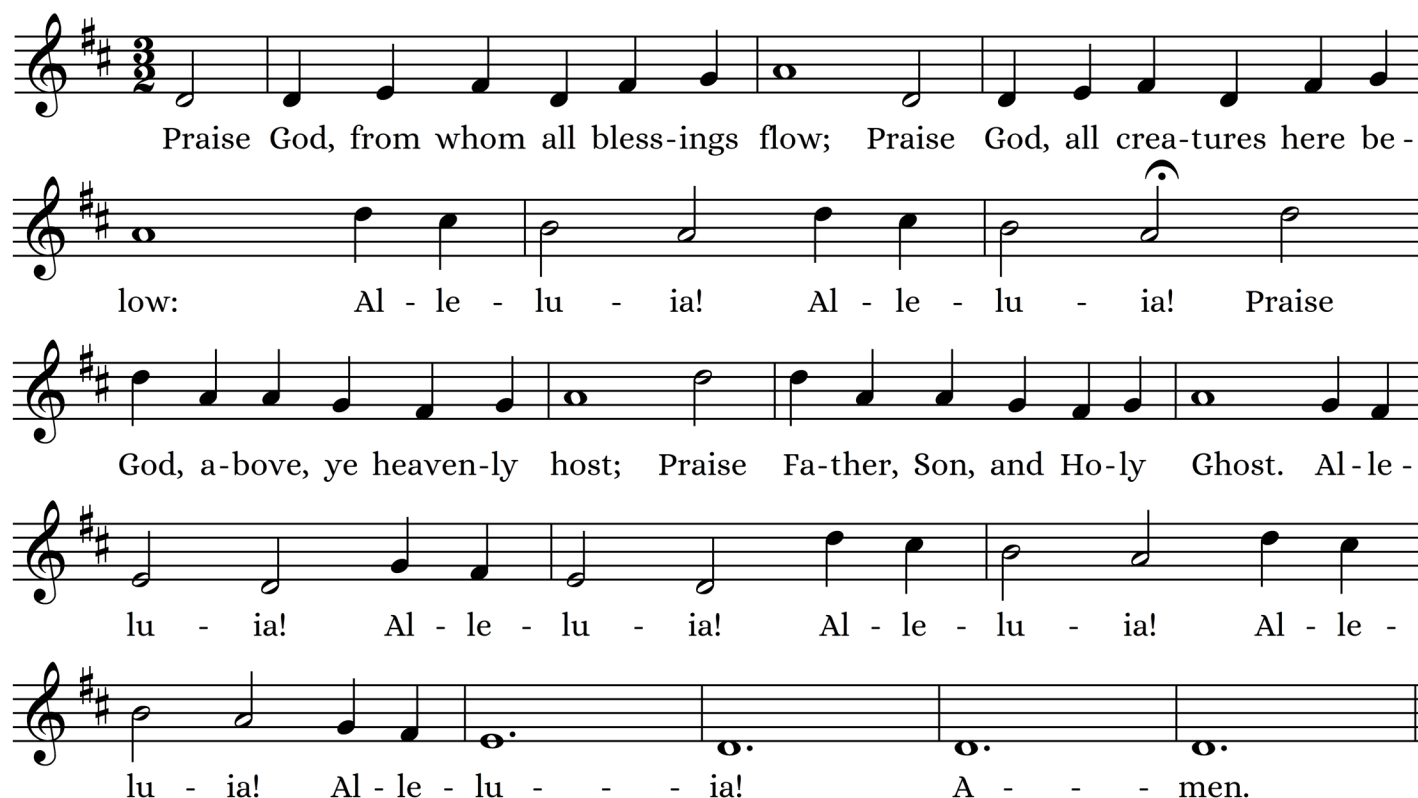
MUSICAL OFFERING

"Kyrie"
Emil Fredberg

Community Singers

Lord have mercy!
Christ have mercy!
Lord have mercy!





Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! A - - - men.

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jan Hoffman

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 SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"O God of Every Nation"

LANCASHIRE



O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
Keep bright in us the vis - ion of days when war shall cease,
re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with Your al - might - y hand;
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,
where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when peace on earth shall reign
in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
with faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

CHORAL AMEN

"Amen of Healing"
K. R. Fuzzen

Community Singers

POSTLUDE

"Russian Rag"
(Interpolating Rachmaninoff's Prelude)
George L. Cobb

Su Lee, piano

TODAY IN WORSHIP

DEACON: Susan Kramer

COMMUNITY SINGERS:

Rachel C. Murphy, JoAnn Palmer, Josh Pinnock, Don Symington, Aidan Murray

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN...
to the Glory of God.



Community Life

This Week at Community

August 16, 2026

Welcome Families!
We're glad you're here.

Community Kidz at 10:30am
Middle School in Commotion
Sunday School in room 206
Nursery Care in room 222



GATHERING IN FAITH & FELLOWSHIP AUGUST AT A GLANCE

SUNDAYS

5:00pm TODAY Middle School Youth & Parent Meet and Greet in Commotion

5:00pm August 23 High School Youth and Parent Meet and Greet in Commotion

11:45am August 30

End of Summer Ice Cream Social in the Courtyard

MONDAYS

2:00pm Mahjong in room 204, "The Loft." For more information, email Joy at: JoyALam@comcast.net

5:30pm Knitting in the Garden Room: Questions? email Jeannie at: jeannies1771@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAYS

August 19 Living the Questions in Rm 113/114/Zoom
Contact Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org

7:30am Men 10:30am Women 6:00pm Co-Ed

6:00pm August 26 "Women's Health After 35" in the Garden Room. Email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org

FRIDAYS

August 21 Counseling with Peter Ferrell in the Garden Room by appointment. (772) 562-3633

SATURDAY

9:00am August 29 "Sip 'n' Sew" in rooms 113/114
Contact rachel.carter@ccovb.org



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tinyurl.com/ccovb-calendar

COMMUNITY YOUTH MINISTRY

Meet and Greet start Today!

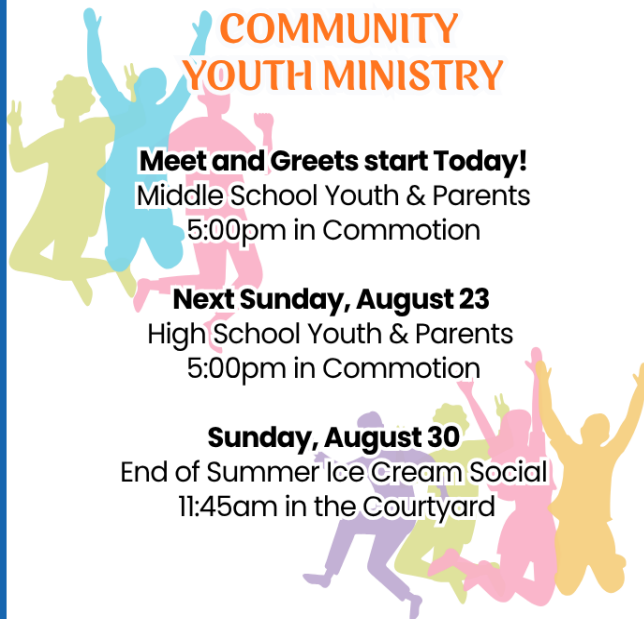
Middle School Youth & Parents
5:00pm in Commotion

Next Sunday, August 23

High School Youth & Parents
5:00pm in Commotion

Sunday, August 30

End of Summer Ice Cream Social
11:45am in the Courtyard



A SPECIAL OFFERING FROM ADULT MINISTRY AUGUST 26

"WOMEN'S HEALTH AFTER 35"

**Perimenopause, Menopause, and the
Road to Longevity w/ Mary Lou Calhoun**

Peri/Menopause & Longevity
Coach Wednesday, August 26
at 6pm in the Garden Room



"For too long women didn't talk about what's going on with their health during this transitional time of life, and I struggled and decided to learn all that I could."

You'll leave feeling informed, empowered, and equipped with practical tools to support your health for years to come.

To help us prepare, sign up in the Church Office or email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org



Opportunities to Serve Your Church & Your Community



SUNDAY USHERS NEEDED

- Be the friendly face that welcomes visitors and members to worship.
 - Hand out our weekly bulletin to all who attend worship.
 - Guide attendees to open seating.
 - Gather in our Sunday offerings.
- Sign-up: michele.wahle@ccovb.org



Birthday Joy In August

Gifts are coming in! Thank you for your generosity.

The Birthday Giving Trees in our worship spaces are adorned with Birthday Wishes from local children recognized as homeless. Choose a tag, and bring birthday joy to a child in need. We're collecting gifts until Sunday, **August 30**.



Connecting local resources with local needs

With the start of school, Kidz Closet Charities is collecting school uniform pieces.

Beige, navy, and black bottoms and solid color polo shirts with no logos showing.

An additional need is boys clothing size 3T to 20 to serve preschool to high school aged children.

Collection boxes are located in the Church Office and Commotion.



This summer, our Mission Ministry Team has been putting a "spotlight" on the many mission partners supported by your stewardship of The Community Church of Vero Beach.

Next week in worship, Phil Long will talk about Indian River County Food Pantry, and the CCOVB Lunch Program. In South County, our volunteers serve the homeless and hungry hot, nutritious lunches made from scratch. Downtown, at the food pantry, we give families meat, milk, bread, canned goods, breakfast cereal, and fresh vegetables.

Church Office Hours: Sun.: 8 - 11:30am | Mon.-Thu.: 9am - 4pm | Fri. & Sat.: CLOSED

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