



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH
*"Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more that binds us
together than separates us in the worship of God."*

AUGUST 30, 2026
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Streamed Worship

Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold text indicates parts spoken by the congregation.
This service is streamed online and may appear on social media, YouTube, and our church website.
Families are always welcome in worship together. Should you choose, children
are invited to attend Sunday School in room 206 and Nursery Care is offered in room 222.
The Garden Room is also available for parents of small children during worship.*

PRELUDE Voluntary in A Major Jill A. Truax, organ
William Selby

COMMUNITY WELCOME Rev. Jan Hoffman

CHORAL INTROIT "Let Us Walk Forth" Community Quartet
Karen Marrolli

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Craig Hoffman

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "You Servants of God, HANOVER
Your Sovereign Proclaim"


You ser - vants of God, your Sov - ereign pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
God rules from on high, al - might - y to save, and still God is
Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right, all glo - ry and

broad that won - der - ful name; The name, all vic - to - rious of
nigh, whose pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion God's
power, all wis - dom and might, All hon - or and bless - ing with

Je - sus ex - tol; who, sov - ereign and glo - rious, now rules o - ver all.
tri - umphs shall praise, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus al - ways.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

One: The Preacher of Ecclesiastes noted that for everything there are seasons and times:

All: A time to be born, and a time to die.

A time to plant, and a time to harvest what was planted.

One: A time to weep, and a time to laugh. A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

All: A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

A time to keep silent, and a time to speak.

One: Today, the first day of a new week, is a time to come together.

**All: We gather in Christ's name to sing God's praise, to pray for ourselves and for others,
and to listen with fresh ears for God's call upon our lives.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we bless you that our times are in your hands,
that at no time are we ever beyond the reach of your love,
and that in time you will make all things new.

Speak to our times and to our lives with a fresh word of hope,
or challenge, or rebuke, or call as we each have need.

For we pray in Christ's name. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory be to the Father"

GREATOR EX

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

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ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ROMANS 12:9-21

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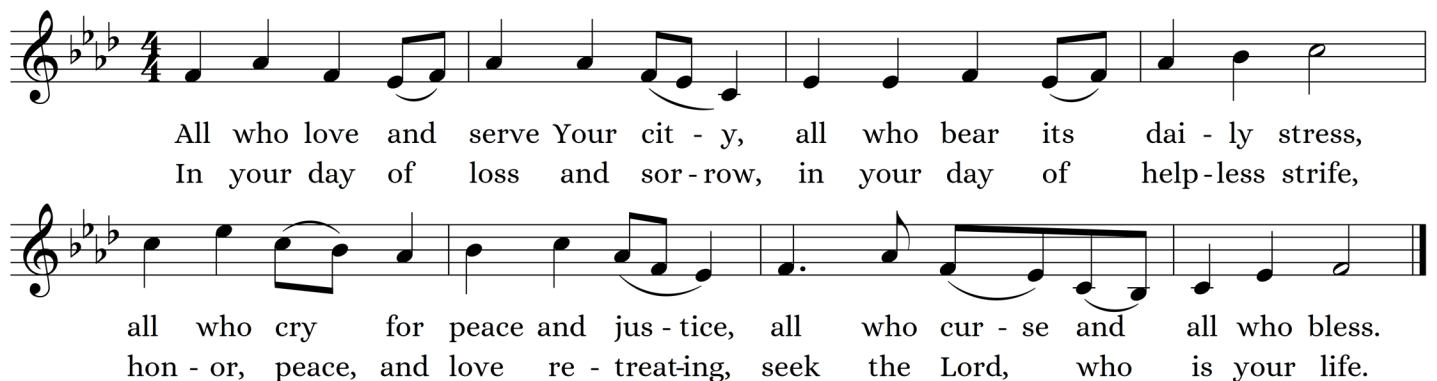
⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

RESTORATION



All who love and serve Your cit - y, all who bear its dai - ly stress,
In your day of loss and sor - row, in your day of help - less strife,
all who cry for peace and jus - tice, all who cur - se and all who bless.
hon - or, peace, and love re - treating, seek the Lord, who is your life.

MATTHEW 16:21-28

Rev. Jan Hoffman

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

UNISON RESPONSE

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

ANTHEM	"Come, Follow Me" <i>Joel Raney and Joseph Martin</i>	Community Quartet
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MESSAGE	"Continuing On"	Rev. Jan Hoffman
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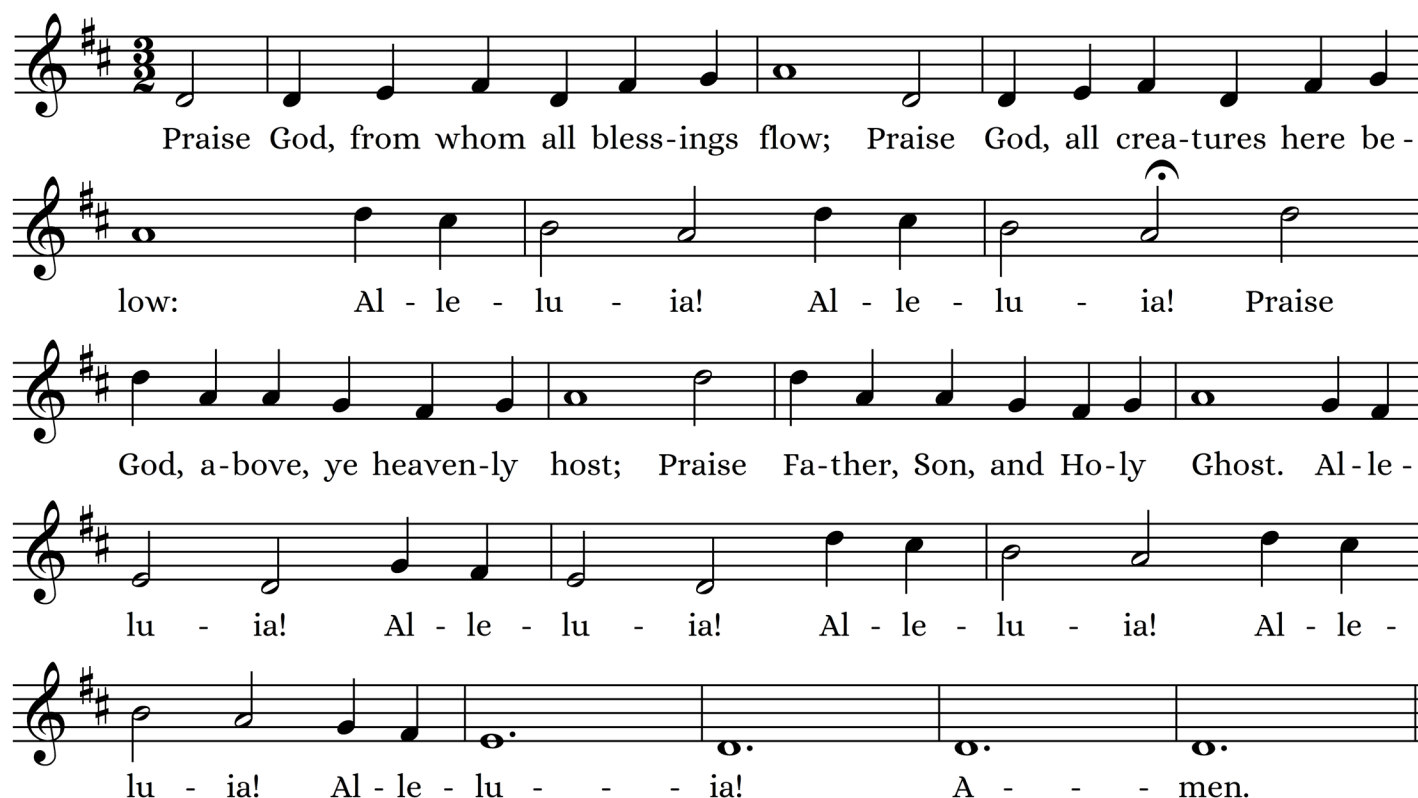
MUSICAL REFLECTION	Andante in C Major, D. 29 <i>Franz Schubert</i>	Jill A. Truax, piano
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING		Michelle Mantel
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MUSICAL OFFERING	"The Call" <i>Z. Randall Stroope</i>	Community Quartet
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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. Craig 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

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me; let there be
peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our cre - a - tor,
children all are we. Let us walk with each other in per - fect har - mo - ny.
Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now. With ev - ery
step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in
peace e - ter - nal - ly. Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

*BENEDICTION

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CHORAL AMEN

"Threefold Amen"
anonymous

Community Quartet

POSTLUDE

Variations on "HYFRYDOL"
Diane Bish

Logan Koller, organ

TODAY IN WORSHIP

DEACON: Michelle Mantel

COMMUNITY QUARTET:

Jill A. Truax, Rachel C. Murphy, Don Symington, Josh Pinnock

Today We Remember...

Bonnie Johnson who passed away on July 16, 2026.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN...

by Andrea Cullen in loving memory of her husband Jerome Hudson.



Community Life

This Week at Community

August 30, 2026

Welcome Families!

Community Kidz at 10:30am

Middle & High School in the Youth Center

Sunday School in room 206

Nursery Care in room 222



END OF SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

TODAY AFTER 10:30 AM WORSHIP

HOSTED BY THE CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES



Kidz Closet Charities needs school uniform pieces and boys' clothes 3T-size 20.

- **Uniforms:** beige, navy, and black bottoms and solid-color polo shirts with no logos showing.
- **Collection Boxes** are in the Church Office and The Youth Center "Commotion"

SUNDAY USHERS NEEDED

- Be the friendly face that welcomes all to worship
- Hand out bulletins and guide folks to open seats
- Gather in our Sunday offerings

Full and substitute ushers are needed.

Contact Arthur "Archie" Fox at 772-532-0002

With Gratitude

Everyone,

I cannot measure the gratitude in my heart for the gestures and expressions of caring and support that I have received from the congregation and staff of our church. I am reminded that whatever role we play, we are part of the Community Church family.

It began with a surprise. I never expected that a bouquet chosen from the altar flowers would arrive at my house the first Sunday after my surgery. A delivery that became more of a personal visit when Susan Langley, with her usual smile, warmth and affection, brought the bouquet to our door. Thank you, Susan, and everyone else who was part of such thoughtfulness.

That evening, when Skye returned home after an early concert at the church, he said that he had lost count of the number of people who had asked about my welfare and offered their best wishes. Hearing that was overwhelming.

I will close by telling all of you that I cannot find the words to capture the value and meaning my time at our church has held for me, both personally and professionally. I look forward to returning so that I can thank you in person.

Rick Heller, Facilities Manager

Friends,

You may have noticed a new instrument in last week's Sanctuary worship.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to **Logan Koller**, organist and member of the Music & Fine Arts Ministry team for donating the use of his Viscount Cantorum Trio Plus portable organ while we await the repairs on our pipe-organ.

We are pleased to announce that Logan will continue his dedicated service to our church and our music ministry, joining us in worship during these next few weeks, while Su Lee travels to South Korea.

Sincerely,
Jill Truax, Director of Music & Fine Arts
Su Lee, Associate Director of Music

Thank you, Community Angels

Because of **you**, our gift boxes in the Church Office have been overflowing!

Today is the last day to bring gifts and give birthday joy to a local child in need.



September-At-A-Glance



Beginning in September, Middle & High School Youth will meet each Sunday from 5–7pm in the Youth Center for food and faith-filled connection, and we need you!

Church members and Ministry Teams are invited to sponsor or provide a meal for 30–40 youth. Sponsors are encouraged to stay for the meal and share a little about yourselves and your connection to Community Church, helping our youth get to know the people who make our community special.

Support Youth and Family Ministries and help build meaningful, cross-generational relationships right here at Community Church. Pick your Sunday in the Church Office or email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org.

September 2 Living the Questions: The Last session for the summer is this week! Men at 7:30am and Women at 10:30am will conclude with lesson 21 and the Co-Ed session at 6:00pm will conclude with Lesson 14. Join us in rooms 113-114 or Zoom! All are welcome. (Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org)

September 7 Church Campus Closed for Labor Day! We'll re-open on Tuesday at 9:00am.

September 8 Handbell Headstart: New and experienced ringers are invited to an opportunity to learn techniques and preview this season's music on Tuesdays in September at 5:00pm in the Choir Room. (Rachel.Carter@ccovb.org)

September 9 Life-Long Fitness: Join this fun, welcoming group for morning movement in Community Hall at 9:30am on Mondays and Wednesdays. (Char.Higgins@ccovb.org)

September 9 Chancel Choir: New and Life-Long singers are invited to rehearsals at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. Join us as we prepare to return to worship on September 20.

September 13 Blessing of the Bibles: Are you interested in having your Kindergartener or Third Grader receive a Bible? Bibles will be presented in Sanctuary & C₂ worship on Sunday, September 13. (Char.Higgins@ccovb.org)

September 13 Earthcare Team Meeting: If you are interested in what we're doing to care for God's creation, join the Earthcare team after 10:30am worship in Community Hall. Bring your coffee, cookie, questions, and ideas!

September 14 Sacred Pause: This 45 minutes of shared quiet and motivation meets on Mondays at 8:30am on Zoom. We share leadership each week with book studies, spiritual practices, poetry, and scripture. Jan Hoffman (jlhoffman1950@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link and sign up to lead a week.

September 15 Registration Opens for "Encounter Wellness Through the Arts": Encounter a weekend of music, art, writing, and movement, aimed at enhancing emotional, cognitive, spiritual, and physical wellness through non-pharmacological alternatives. Register yourself or as a gift for a loved one.

September 16 Bible Studies Return: Dive into our weekly scriptures with Rev. Jacob on Wednesdays in Community Hall and Zoom. Men meet at 7:30am and Women meet at 10:30am. (Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org)



Church Office Hours: Sun.: 8 – 11:30am | Mon.–Thu.: 9am – 4pm

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