



One: Where the world sees only darkness and unanswered questions, God prepares a place for light to break through.

All: **We come seeking the one who reveals what has been hidden and illuminates every shadow.**

One: In quiet and unexpected ways, God opens eyes long closed and reveals grace where none was imagined.

All: **Open our eyes, O God, that we may recognize Your presence shining among us.**

One: From dust and ordinary moments, God brings new sight and new understanding.

All: **We gather to worship the One whose light reveals truth and illuminates the path of life.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Gracious and revealing God, You are the light that breaks through our darkness and opens our eyes to Your presence. As we gather in worship, illuminate our hearts and minds so that we may see Your truth more clearly. Help us recognize Your work among us and respond with faith, gratitude, and praise. Shine through our worship today, that Your love may be revealed in us and through us. Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE DISCIPLE CANDLE

*Each week of Lent we light two additional candles in remembrance of the twelve disciples who enthusiastically followed Jesus' call. On Maundy Thursday the same twelve disciples' candles will be extinguished to represent their desertion and betrayal.*

\*LENTEN PETITION

"Abide With Me"

EVENTIDE

I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;

What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?

Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INVITATION TO THE FAMILY

10:30 a.m. Worship

Rev. Beverly A. Zell  
Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

Hannah Grace Roekle

BLESSING

## ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

1 JOHN 1:1-4

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete

ANTHEM

"Ubi caritas"  
*Maurice Duruflé*

Chancel Choir

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.  
Amen*



<sup>9</sup>As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' <sup>11</sup>He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' <sup>12</sup>They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

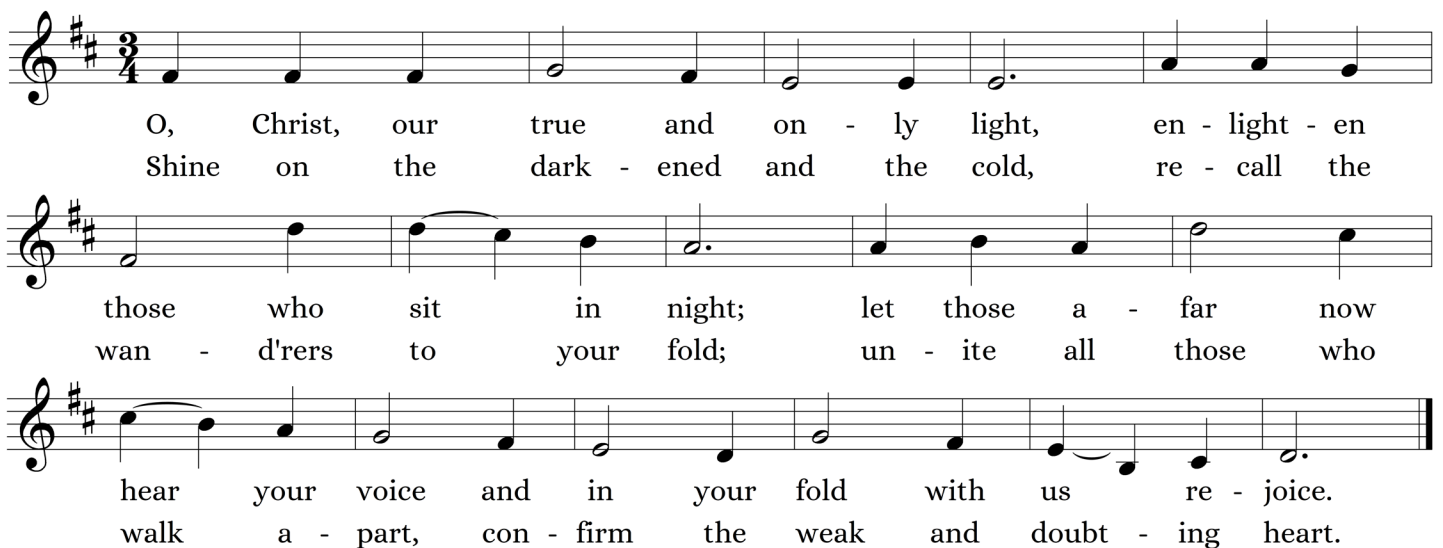
## UNISON RESPONSE

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

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

## "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

## MARYTON



O, Christ, our true and on - ly light, en - light - en  
Shine on the dark - ened and the cold, re - call the  
those who sit in night; let those a - far now  
wan - d'ers to your fold; un - ite all those who  
hear your voice and in your fold with us re - joice.  
walk a - part, con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart.

## MESSAGE

## "The Courage to See"

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Spirit of Life"  
*Carolyn McDade*

Su Lee, organ

## MUSICAL OFFERING

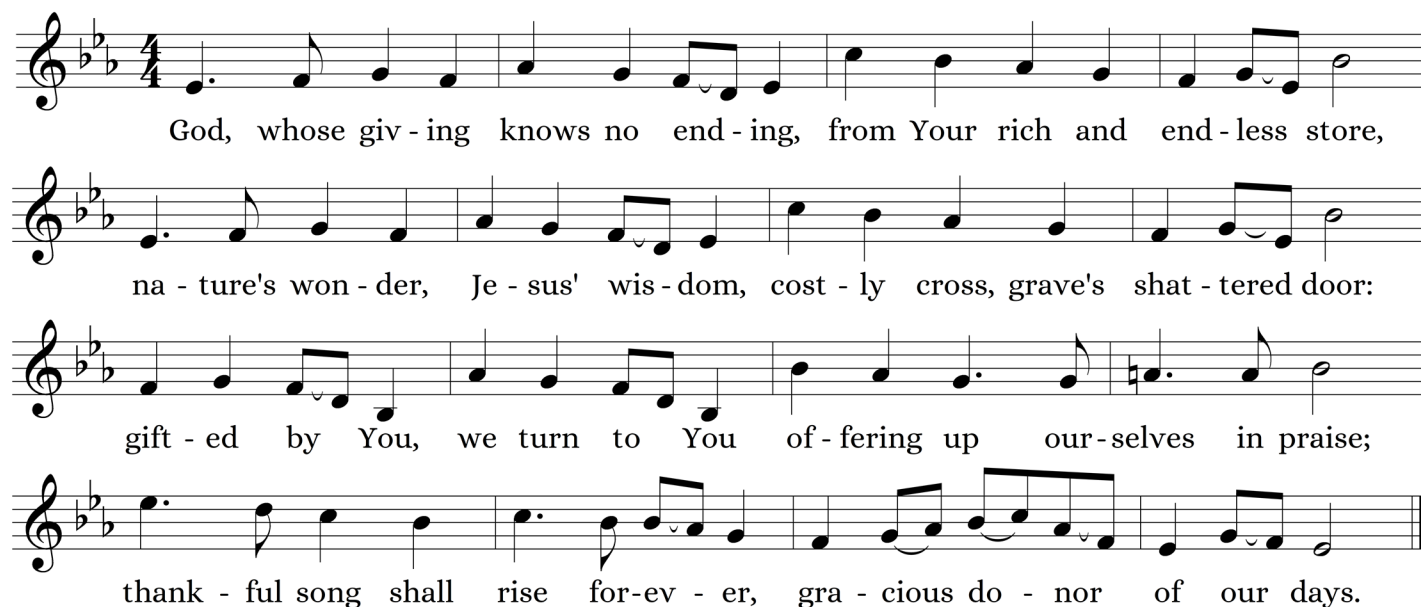
"Amazing Grace"  
arr. Jack Schrader

Josh Pinnock, baritone  
Jill A. Truax, piano

## \*DOXOLOGY

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

AUSTRIAN HYMN



God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from Your rich and end - less store,  
na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door:  
gift - ed by You, we turn to You of - fering up our - selves in praise;  
thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

**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,**

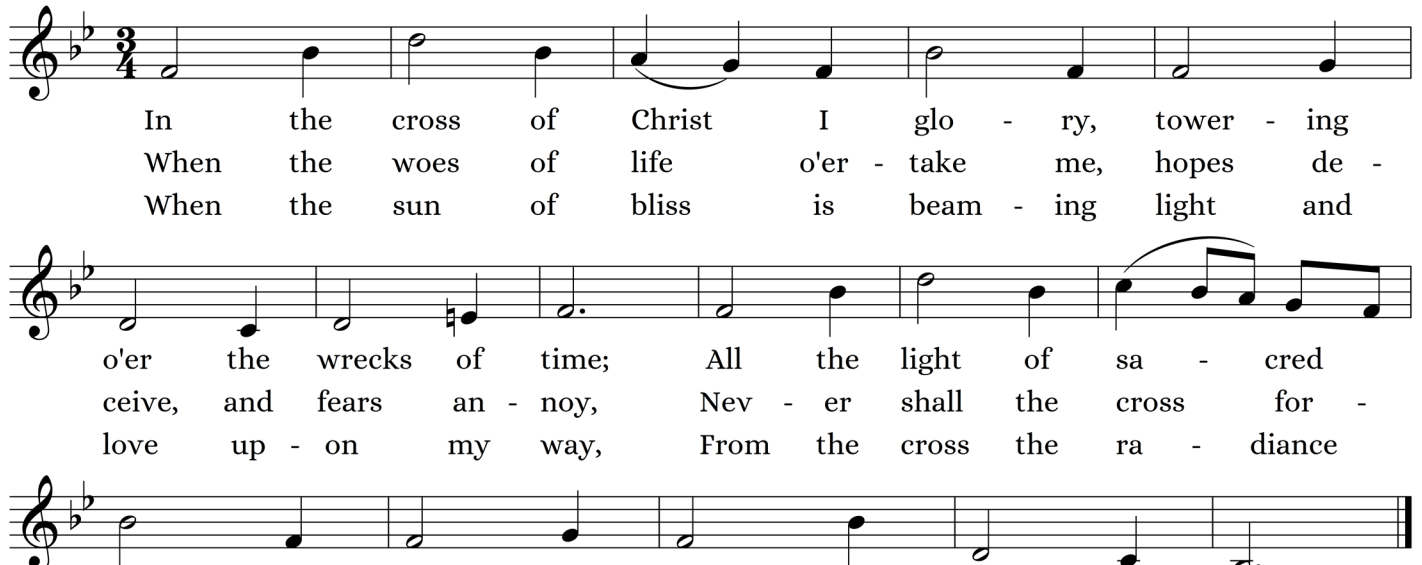
**and the glory forever. Amen**

## THE SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN

"In The Cross of Christ I Glory"

RATHBUN



In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.  
sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

\*CHORAL AMEN

"Grace and Peace Be Multiplied"  
*John Ness Beck*

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

"Londonderry Air"  
*arr. Don Muro*

Su Lee, organ

### TODAY IN WORSHIP

DEACON: Dru King

#### Today We Remember...

Mary Ann Lyle who passed away March 6, 2026.  
A memorial service will be held on April 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel

#### THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN...

in dedication to the memory of Ric Taylor,  
on his first birthday in heaven by his loving family.



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF VERO BEACH

*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.*



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



# COMMUNITY LIFE

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, March 15, 2026

## MONDAY, MARCH 16

**8:30 a.m.** Sacred Pause Mondays on Zoom “Week 4” of A Different Kind of Fast Info: Jlhoffman1950@gmail.com

**9:30 a.m.** Life-Long Fitness in Community Hall

**2:00 p.m.** Mahjong | Info: JoyALam@comcast.net

**5:30 p.m.** Knitting Group in the Garden Room

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

**AARP Tax Aide** Preparers By Appointment | Info: 772-202-5430

**5:00 p.m.** Community Ringers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 18

**AARP Tax Aide Preparers** By Appointment | Info: 772-202-5430

**7:30 a.m.** Men’s Bible Study in Community Hall & Zoom

**9:30 a.m.** Life-Long Fitness in Community Hall

**10:30 a.m.** Women’s Bible Study in Community Hall & Zoom

**3:30 p.m.** Grief Group in the Garden Room

**5:00 p.m.** Community @ Community: Life Worth Living

**6:30 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

**AARP Tax Aide Preparers** By Appointment | Info: 772-202-5430

**11:00 a.m.** Lenten Poetry & Music in Grace Chapel

**Spiritual Direction w/ Rev. Beverly Zell**

By Appointment | 772-562-3633 | beverly.zell@ccovb.org

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

**9:00 a.m.** Sip ‘N’ Sew in room 113/114

Info: rachel.carter@ccovb.org

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22 CHURCH CAMPUS TOUR AT 11:30 A.M.

Sign up for a tour of our fabulous facilities, learn the whereabouts and interesting facts about specific areas of our church.

Sign up in the Courtyard after worship, or call the Church Office at 772-562-3633 to get on the list. Space is limited. Sign up today!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**USHERS** are needed for our Sanctuary Worship. Won’t you be that warm weekly welcome that our visitors, members, and friends need? Interested? Call the Church Office: 772-562-3633.



## COFFEE HOUR HELP NEEDED

Help us keep our Sanctuary Coffee Hour going! March and April dates are open. Choose a Sunday (or two) and sign up for our coffee hour clean up crew! Info: 772-562-3633



## EASTER FESTIVAL HELPERS

The Children and Family Ministry needs you! Host a game, craft, welcome our guests, or help with set up and take down. There is plenty to do! When? It’s on **Saturday, April 4** from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the East Parking Lot.

Email: Char.Higgins@ccovb.org

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Friday & Saturday: Closed

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Beautify the Church for Easter by dedicating flowers in memory or in honor of someone special. Complete the form below and return it to the Church Office with your contribution of \$30 for each dedication. **Please submit your dedication on or before Palm Sunday, March 29.**  
 Info: 772-562-3633 Email: info@ccovb.org

Please Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Stewardship UPDATE

### What's Your MORE?

Together,  
let's answer  
that call.



With two weeks into our 2026 Stewardship Season, we're happy to announce that we are at **33%** of our goal! Thanks to your generosity, we have received **\$650,000** in estimated gifts toward our **\$2,000,000** funding goal. If you have not yet, please consider adding your commitment before the close of our campaign on April 19. Every gift is an investment in the lives that will be enriched and transformed within and beyond Community Church.

**Every Pledge Matters Every Commitment Makes a Difference**

Visit [ccovb.org/pledge](http://ccovb.org/pledge) today to learn more and make your pledge or gift online. Pledge cards are also available for your use in our worship spaces.



**Middle School Youth Lenten Invitation:** This past Wednesday about a dozen middle school youth gathered for fellowship and Lenten activities. One of their games was "Stashing the Savior"; young people were running all through the campus "stashing" mini Saviors. Today we are asking our parishioners to slow down and look for Jesus in unexpected places. When you find him, feel free to take a mini Jesus home with you and put him in a place that will remind you to slow down and smile. If you think of it, take a picture, post it to your social media of choice, and tag @TheCCOVB.



### **NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: JOHN J. & ROBERT D. POST SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship provides financial assistance for students who are members of the church and have been active in CCOVB's Youth Ministry, regularly participating in youth group, worship, mission trips, and more! Over the years, dozens of CCOVB high school seniors have been recognized for their commitment, and received support toward their college education. If this sounds like your high schooler, contact [Stephanie.Toomey@ccovb.org](mailto:Stephanie.Toomey@ccovb.org) for application information.



### **COMMUNITY @ COMMUNITY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 AT 5 P.M. IN COMMUNITY HALL**

Our Lenten Series on *Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most* continues! Every session stands on its own, so you're welcome to attend every week or simply join as you are able. A limited number of books will be available at the Church for \$15. You may also buy your book online at [lifeworthlivingbook.com](http://lifeworthlivingbook.com). Dinner: 5 p.m. | Discussion: 6 p.m. To help us prepare, sign up for supper in the Courtyard after worship or call the Church Office: 772-562-3633.



### **LENTEN POETRY & MUSIC: MARCH 19 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

This week, we return to the Sanctuary with poet M.B. McLatchey and Su Lee on the Toffey Family Organ. Invite a friend for a morning of reflection, perspective, and delight. A free-will offering will be accepted.



### **EARTH CARE TEAM INVITES YOU TO A VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS APRIL 23**

Bring your springtime energy and your appetite to our Vegetarian Cooking Class on Thursday, April 23 from 5-7 p.m. at Counter Culture on Cardinal Drive. Learn how to whip up tasty, colorful, earth friendly dishes that make caring for God's creation both fun and delicious. Come taste, learn, and leave inspired to joyfully honor the Earth with your own plant based dishes. To sign up, visit the Earth Care table in the Courtyard. Tickets are \$25. Questions? Call or Text Donna Andres at 269-830-1706.