



by *Albert Schweitzer*

One: We listen today for a word from Christ

All: Christ speaks to us what he first spoke to those fishers by the sea: follow me.

One: What will happen to those who follow?

All: To those who follow, be they wise or simple, Christ will reveal himself in the toils and challenges they pass through in his companionship.

One: What will those who follow learn?

All: As an unexplainable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, here in this place and hour,
we seek a fresh encounter with you.

Some among us listen for a clear call to action,
some for strength to do what cannot be avoided,
some for a new assurance of your presence,
and others for wisdom in confusing times.

We open our hearts and minds to you today.
Come to us to inspire, or direct, or comfort, or confront.
And help us to listen and respond.
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

ROMANS 12:1-8

Rev. Craig Hoffman

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Christ, You Call Us All to Service"

IN BABILONE



Christ, You call us all to ser-vice, call us all who fol - low You;
Let us be a ser - vant peo - ple, rec - on - cil - ing, end - ing strife;
plant in us a deep com - mit-ment all Your work and will to do.
seek - ing ways more just of shar - ing and of or - der - ing hu - man life.
Fire a pas - sion for Your jus - tice, in us kin - dle love of peace;
Fill us with a glow - ing vi - sion of this world as it should be;
help us heal the bro - ken - heart - ed, to the cap - tive bring re - lease.
send us forth to change that vi - sion in - to blest re - al - i - ty.



¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

UNISON RESPONSE

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

ANTHEM

"I Got a Key"
arr. Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

Community Singers

MESSAGE

"A Good Place to (Re)Start"

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Hard Times Come Again No More"
Stephen Foster
arr. Su Lee

Su Lee, piano

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

MISSION MOMENT

Phil Long

INVITATION TO OFFERING

April Hargett

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"
arr. Daniel Kallman

Community Singers

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

"We Are All One in Mission"

AURELIA



We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name;
Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

CHORAL AMEN

"Fourfold Amen"

Community Singers

Roland M. Carter

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune (with a touch of sunshine)

Su Lee, piano

David German

TODAY IN WORSHIP

DEACON: April Hargett

COMMUNITY SINGERS:

Rachel C. Murphy, Jill A. Truax, JoAnn Palmer, Don Symington, Joshua Pinnock

Today We Remember...

Andrea Cullen's husband Jerome Hudson who passed away on August 19, 2026.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN...

to the Glory of God



Community Life

This Week at Community

August 23, 2026

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

Community Kidz at 10:30am

Middle School in the Youth Center "Commotion"

Sunday School in room 206

Nursery Care in room 222



GATHERING IN FAITH & FELLOWSHIP AS AUGUST ENDS

SUNDAY

5:00pm TODAY High School Youth and Parent Meet and Greet in the Youth Center "Commotion"

11:45am August 30

End of Summer Ice Cream Social in the Courtyard

MONDAY

9:30am Life-Long Fitness in Community Hall returns tomorrow, **August 24**. Contact Char Higgins at Char.Higgins@ccovb.org

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

WEDNESDAY

9:30am Life-Long Fitness in Community Hall. Contact Char.Higgins@ccovb.org to learn more.

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

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

SUNDAY USHERS NEEDED

- Be the friendly face that welcomes visitors and members to worship
- Hand out our weekly bulletin to all who attend
- Guide attendees to open seating
- Gather in our Sunday offerings

Both full and substitute spots are open.

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

"WOMEN'S HEALTH AFTER 35" AUG 26 Perimenopause, Menopause, and the Road to Longevity w/ Mary Lou Calhoun

Peri/Menopause & Longevity Coach

Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 6pm in the Garden Room

You'll leave feeling informed, empowered, and equipped with tools to support your health for years to come. Sign up in the Church Office or email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org

Birthday Joy In August



Thanks to your generosity, the presents are flooding in!

There's still one more week to grab a tag and bring birthday joy to a local child in need. The last day to bring in gifts is **Next Sunday, August 30**.

Way to go, Community Church!



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 in the Church Office and Commotion.

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

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.

Today in worship, Phil Long will talk about Indian River County Food Pantry, and the CCOVB Lunch Program.



The Food Pantry of Indian River County was formed circa 1987, with the mission of providing food to the disadvantaged, unemployed and underemployed of Indian River County. In this role, they provide a supplemental supply of food (normally 3 to 4 days of canned and dry good staples) to permanent and temporary residents. Frozen meat and fresh milk is also provided as donations allow.

The Food Pantry of Indian River County is the largest pure Food Pantry in the County providing this food at no cost. This organization's program delivery is 100% volunteer based.



At the Salvation Army's regional kitchen and dining facility in South County, our volunteers serve hot, nutritious lunches made from scratch to those in need.

October marks the start of the lunch program's fourth year. More than 40 volunteers, mostly from CCOVB, work in teams of nine or ten to prepare and serve 60-plus people each Monday.



Chancel Choir and Handbell Rehearsals Begin September 8 & 9

Join us for a new season of music, fellowship, and worship! Whether you're a seasoned musician or simply want to try, there's a place for you in Community's music ministry.

- **Handbell Headstart** is an opportunity for new and experienced ringers to learn techniques and preview the season's music on **September 8 at 5pm** in the Choir Room.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals begin **September 9 at 6:30pm** in the Choir Room as we prepare music and return to weekly worship on September 20.

Wondering if a choir is right for you? Here are a few reasons we love it:

1. **Find Joy in Music:** Whether you're an experienced musician or just starting out, making music is a fun, uplifting way to grow, learn, and refresh your spirit.
2. **Become Part of a Family:** Choir is more than a group that sings or rings together. It's a caring community that laughs, prays, serves, and supports one another.
3. **Make a Difference in Worship:** Use your gifts to help create meaningful worship experiences that inspire and encourage the entire congregation.

"Encounter Wellness Through the Arts" Registration Begins September 15

From November 13-14, encounter a weekend of music, visual arts, writing, and martial arts, aimed at enhancing emotional, cognitive, spiritual, and physical wellness through non-pharmacological alternatives. Registration begins **September 15** and will continue until spaces are filled, cost is \$75 per person. Register yourself or secure a spot as a gift for a loved one! Stay tuned for more as we get closer to registration.

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

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