

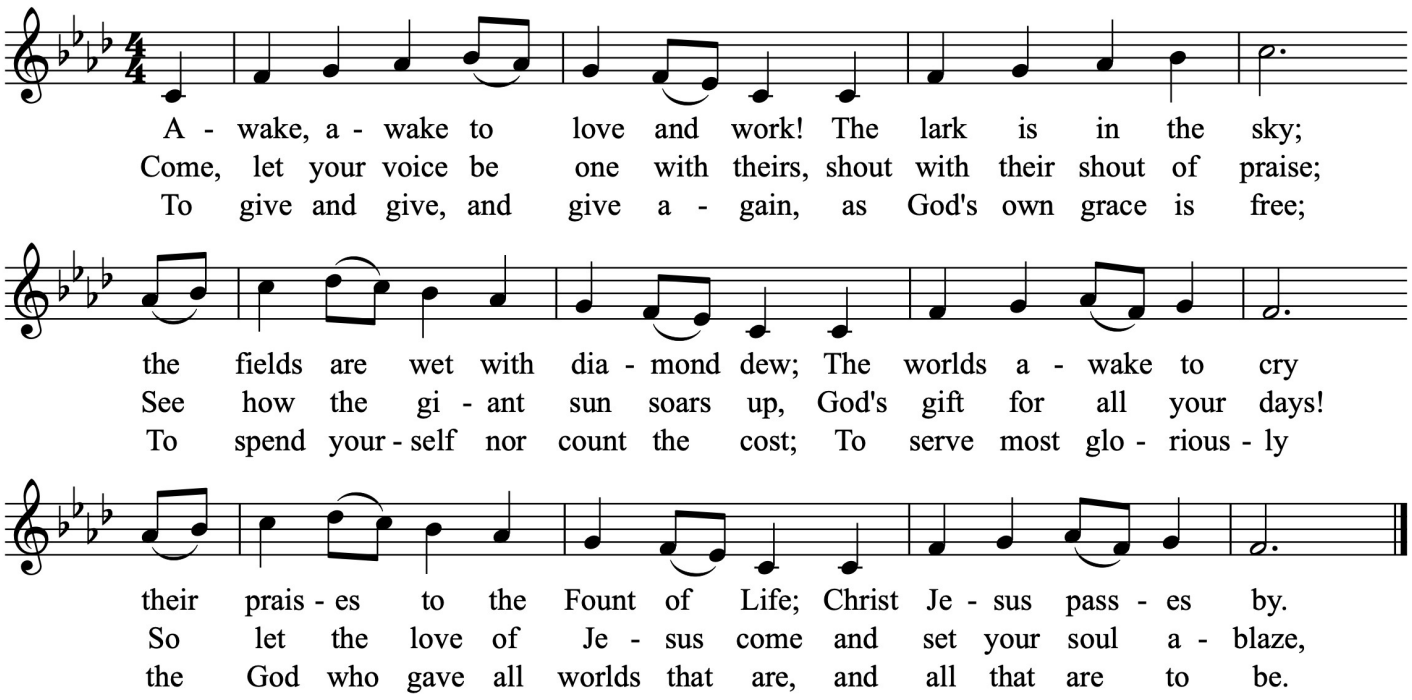
WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH

"Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more that binds us together than separates us in th worship of God."

November 8, 2026
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary and 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	"Heures mystiques", *Entrée* Op. 29, 5 and *Offertoire* Op. 29, 1 *Léon Boëllmann*	Jill A. Truax, organ
COMMUNITY WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines
CHORAL INTROIT	"The Love of God Comes Close" *John L. Bell*	Chancel Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Craig Hoffman
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	"Awake, Awake to Love and Work"	MORNING SONG



RESPONSIVE LITANY - from Mark 1:14 and Micah 6:8 Terry Ousley

One: Jesus came announcing the reign of God.

All: Christ calls us to follow him as disciples and join him in his godly work.

One: Christ has no hands but our hands, and no feet but our feet for the work ahead.

All: We are each in a unique position to be Christ's man or Christ's woman in God's world.

One: The scriptures that Jesus knew and that he embodied tell us our task.

All: We each are called to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we gather this morning to listen for your call upon our lives,
to reflect on the Way of Jesus, and to be encouraged in our discipleship.
Give us ears to truly hear. Guide our inner reflections to a more faithful perspective,
and grant us insight into how we are to live as Christ's disciples.
Then, in the week that lies ahead, help us put our faith into action.
May our living help make our community, our nation, and our world more Christlike.
Speak to us Lord, for we are listening. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" GREATOREX



*PASSING THE PEACE Rev. Craig Hoffman

Reception of New Members

Invitation — Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

Jim Bailey, Jr.	Kurt Bressner	Susan Neilson
Diane Bressner	Patricia Keller	Joleen Pillar

Questions to the Candidates & Sharing the Covenant

Attending to God's Word

Matthew 25:14-29 — Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and
made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
"Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to
him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents
also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy
in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then
the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a
harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was
afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master
replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather
where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my
return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give
it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and they will have
an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

Unison Response

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

ANTHEM "Lord Take My Life" Chancel Choir
David Asplund

MESSAGE "No Longer Able" Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

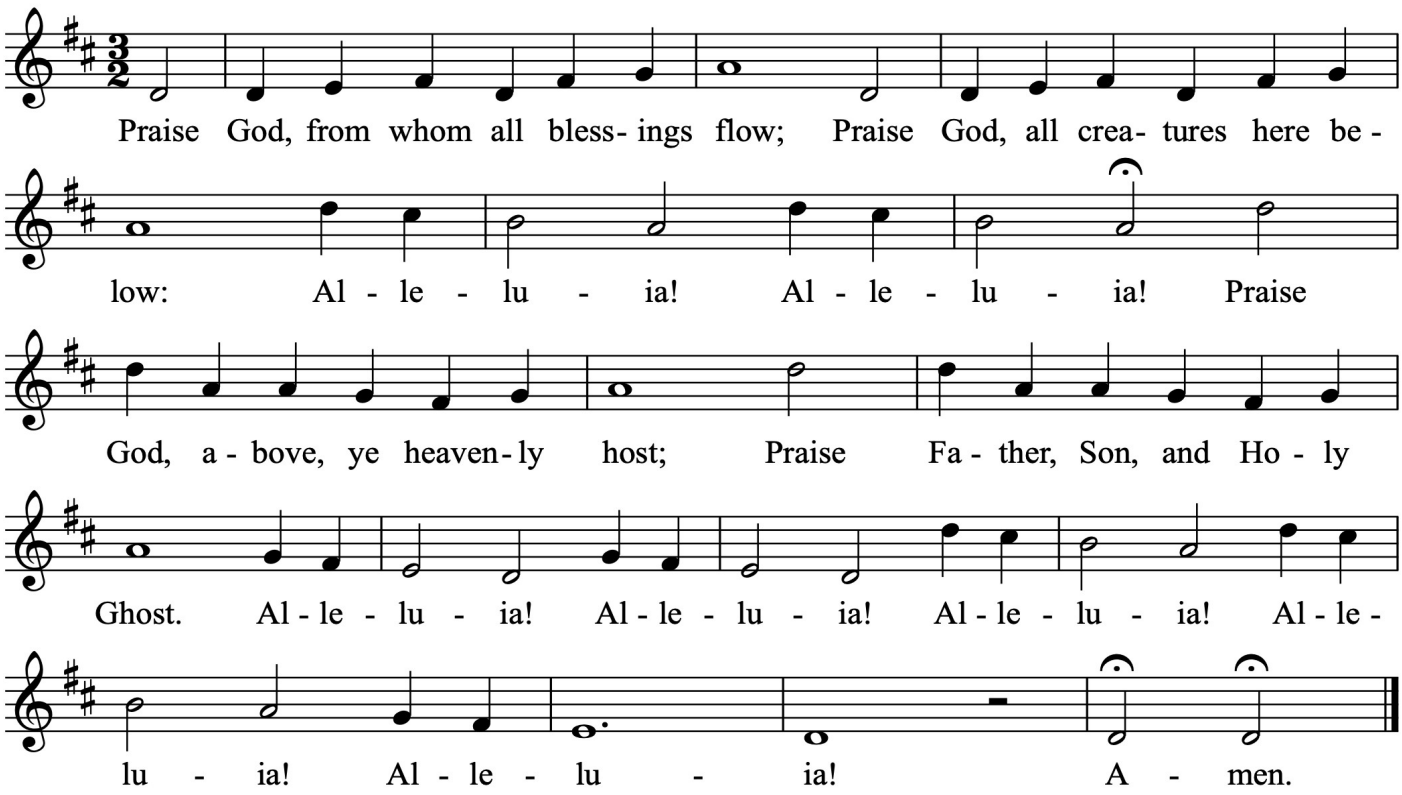
HYMN OF REFLECTION "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" AUSTRIAN HYMN



INVITATION TO OFFERING Terry Ousley

MUSICAL OFFERING "Behold Now, Praise the Lord" Chancel Choir
Everett Titcomb

*Doxology "Praise God" Lasst Uns Erfreuen



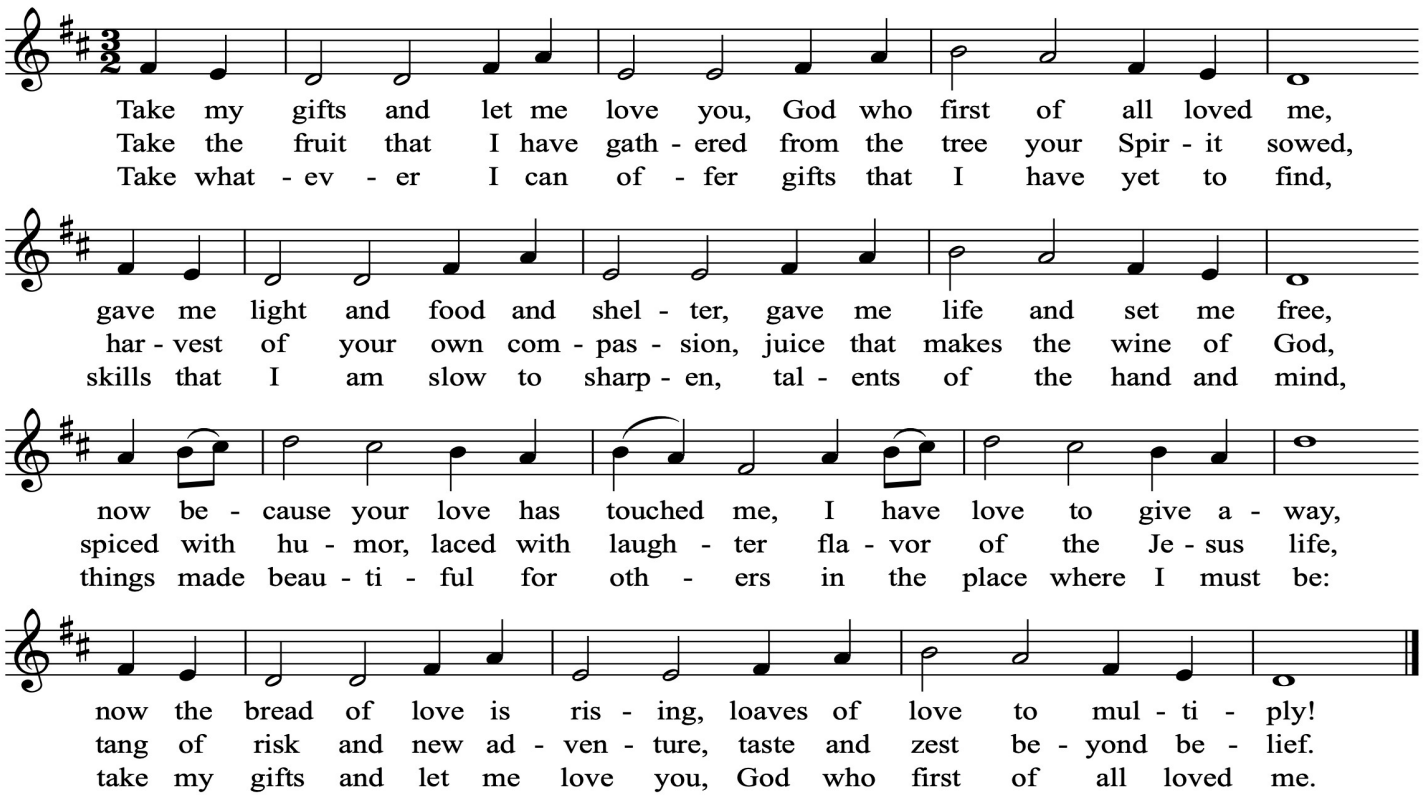
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Craig Hoffman

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 temptataion, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

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The Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn — "Take My Gifts" — Nettleton



*Benediction — Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

Choral Amen — "Amen" — Chancel Choir
Timothy Shaw

Postlude — Toccata on *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)* — Su Lee, organ
Scottish Traditional Tune
arr. Su Lee

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Deacon: Terry Ousley

Today We Remember...

Jim Tso who passed away on November 3, 2026.

The AltAr Flowers Today Are Given...
to the Glory of God.

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

Community Life

This Week at Community *November 8, 2026*



November 11: Community @ Community Week 6

Behind the Scenes: How Our Mission Ministry Makes a Difference

Have you ever wondered how our Mission Ministry selects the organizations we support, decides where more than $200,000 in generous contributions goes, or engages volunteers in serving our community? Join us for a special behind-the-scenes look at how our church's generosity becomes meaningful action.

We'll hear special guests share firsthand experiences of serving our neighbors, including a look at the weekly meal program at the Salvation Army, and a personal story from a graduate of Naomi House. Come discover the people, partnerships, and stories behind our church's outreach! To help us prepare, let us know you're coming! Sign up in the Courtyard or contact the Church Office at 772-562-3633. 5:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm Program



November 13-14: Encounter Wellness Through the Arts

If you signed up, we'll see you on Friday at 6 pm in Grace Chapel! You'll check in, get a reminder of your schedule, and meet the clinicians. A classroom tour and fellowship hour will follow.

Saturday we begin at 8:30 am with some light refreshments, and hit the ground running with classes at 9 am. We'll see you there!



November 14: Walk To Remember - join the CCOVB Team

Our CCOVB Team is Forming! Visit the Mission table after church or scan the code to join our team. You can also become a sponsor and help us reach our goal! **Info: (904) 383-9520 or jewel.a.davis@gmail.com.**

The Walk To Remember brings our community together to support those facing memory and movement challenges. Every dollar stays local, providing FREE programs and resources through the Center for Memory & Movement, because no one should walk alone.



November 15: Christmas Wish Trees Coming Soon!

Can you believe it's already November? The holiday season is soon upon us and that means our chance to become "Santa" and bless a local child in need is almost here. Our wish trees will be here November 15 filled with Christmas Wishes for us to grant.



November 15 & 22: Annual Harvest Sunday Food Drive - Be a Blessing

With gratitude for God's many blessings, let us be a blessing to our community. On **Sunday, November 15,** bags for your non-perishable food donations will be available. You are invited to fill a bag with unopened, unexpired, non-perishable foods and bring it back to church with you on **November 22.** If you would like to make a monetary donation, envelopes will be available in the pews on both **November 15** and **22** to welcome your gifts. Checks may be made payable to The Food Pantry of Indian River County. As the need for food assistance continues to grow in our community, your generosity makes a meaningful impact.



November 19: Visit Our Mission Partners

Mission Care-a-Vans are a great way to "put a face to the name" regarding our Mission Partners. On November 19, we'll visit Childcare Resources and the Center for Memory and Movement (Alzheimer & Parkinson Assoc. of IRC). We'll meet that morning at 9:00 am in the parking lot and travel together. Sign up in the Church Office or call 772-562-3633.



November 19: Grammy Winning Mike Block brings Biribá Union

This year's concert series is an international celebration of Music and Arts. Our Concert Season opener, Biribá Union, will play a set of original works and global collaborations on **November 19 in Community Hall at 7 pm.** **Biribá Union** features **Mike Block** (cello, vocals), **Christylez Bacon** (beatbox, guitar, rhymes) and **Patricia Ligia** (electric bass, vocals).

With a love of Brazilian Music, their work draws on the freestyle theatrics of hip-hop and Go-go music; the effortless beauty of Brazilian forró and choro; the earthiness of American roots music, and the improvisational spontaneity of jazz. Tickets are $30 and can be purchased online at ccovb.org/concerts-events-tickets, or a limited supply will be at the door.

Where is your Need? We are Called to Care

Our **Called To Care Ministry** is a group of trained, non-ordained church members who work along side our clergy to provide congregational care through prayer, home or hospital visits, flowers and cards, and offer a listening ear to those experiencing grief, loneliness, or life transitions. If you or someone you know is in need of congregational care, contact the Church Office at 772-562-3633.



Are YOU Called to Care? Now Recruiting Flower Ministry Team

Do you have the gift of floral arranging? Do you like to bring joy to those in need? Each week, members of our **Called To Care Ministry** and other loving volunteers create beautiful flower arrangements from our altar flowers to take to those who are sick, shut in, or just need a little sunshine. We are looking to add to our team! We need floral arrangers and drivers to help distribute flowers each week. Contact the Church Office at 772-562-3633 and join the team today!



The Nominating Committee Seeks Your Input

Serving in leadership is a sacred trust, and we invite you to prayerfully consider how your gifts and talents, or those you see in someone else, might serve the life and ministry of our church. Members of the Nominating Committee will be in the Courtyard following worship to receive your recommendations, or answer any questions you have.



November 23: Thanksgiving Interfaith Service Hosted at Universalist Unitarians

Each year the Treasure Coast Interfaith Community gathers together, sharing faith traditions, humanity, and gratitude to God on the Monday before Thanksgiving. The Universalist Unitarian Fellowship will host this year on November 23 at 7:00 pm. We hope you will make this part of your holiday tradition.



November 29: Advent Wreath Workshop with Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Come one, come all! The young and the young at heart are invited to an all-inclusive, intergenerational family fun event to welcome the Advent Season. After worship on Sunday, November 29 from 12-2 pm in Community Hall, we'll share a meal, decorate Advent wreaths, Christmas cookies and more family fun. Your suggested donation of $25 covers wreath kits, the meal, and supplies. Bring your family, invite a friend, and get your Advent and Christmas season off to a great start! Want to volunteer? Email david.dixon@ccovb.org.

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