

WELCOME TO YOUR COMMUNITY CHURCH OF VERO BEACH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 21, 2024



*"Genesis 1" by Rick Rietveld
sourced from rickrietveld.wordpress.com*

8:30 a.m. Grace Chapel Worship

10:15 a.m. Sanctuary & Livestream Worship



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF VERO BEACH

COURAGEOUS • CURIOUS • CREATIVE • COMPASSIONATE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold text indicates congregational participation. 10:15 a.m. Worship is live-streamed, capturing the chancel and congregation, and may appear on our website and social media.*

Nursery care is available during 10:15 a.m. worship.

PRELUDE "Music of the Earth" Andrew R. Galuska, organ

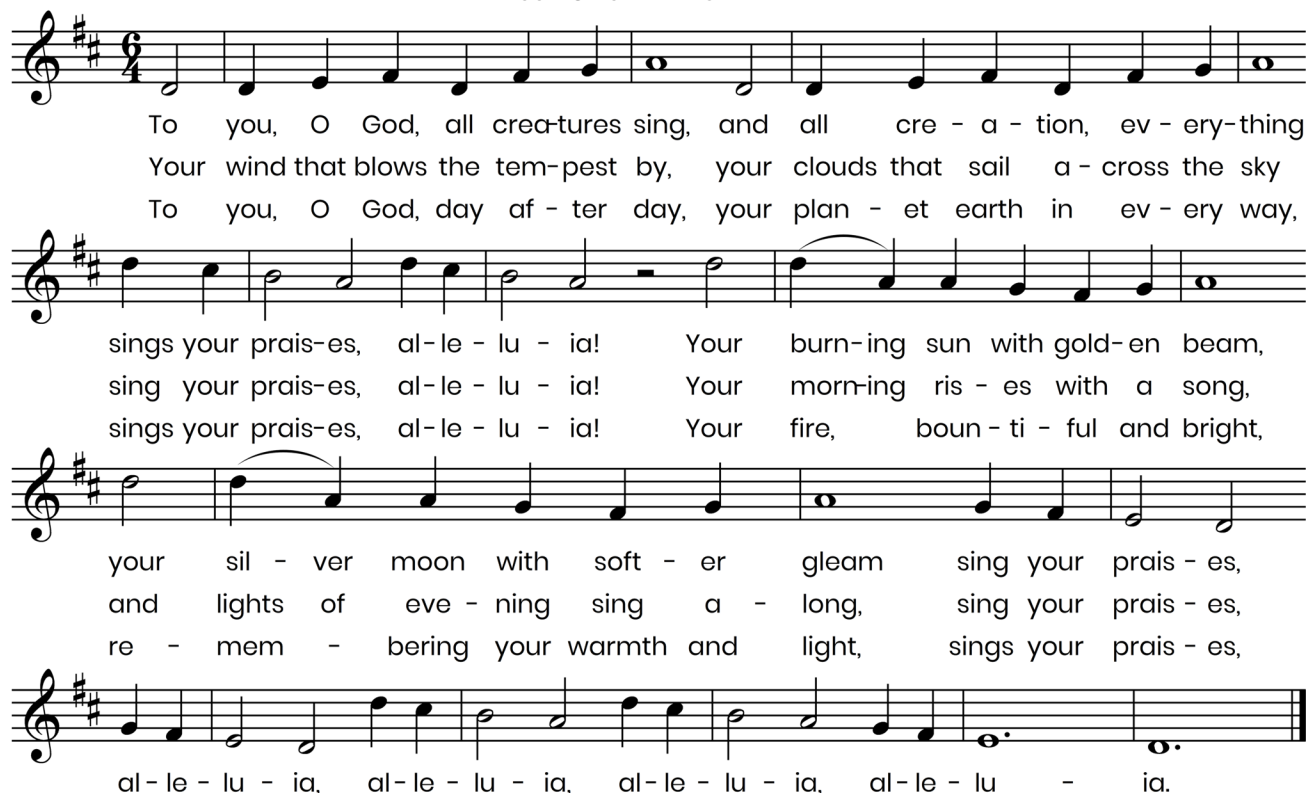
COMMUNITY WORDS Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland
A MOMENT FOR EARTHCARE Heather Stapleton

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Beverly A. Zell

*OPENING HYMN "To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery-thing
Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the sky
To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery way,
sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold-en beam,
sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn-ing ris - es with a song,
sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, boun - ti - ful and bright,
your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,
and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es,
re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*OPENING LITANY Jane Clower

One: Morning has broken! We gather to thank God for the gift of a new day.

All: God created the sun, moon, and stars, the earth, and all of its inhabitants.

One: God created us in God's image, and we are called to care for the world and our neighbor.

All: Today we renew our commitment to care for the world and one another.

One: Please pray with me...

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Jane Clower

Gracious God, forgive us for the ways in which we contribute to the disfigurement and destruction of your Creation. Transform our hearts and minds, that we may place the welfare of your earth and your people before our fleeting desires. Embolden us to give voice to the voiceless in our communities and ecosystems, and grant us divine wisdom that we may replace systems of destruction and oppression with systems of justice and sustainability. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

At this time, children pre-K to 5th grade may gather in the Narthex for Sunday School. (10:15)

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING OF PSALM 65

Clergy of the Church



Cantor and Congregation

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening its showers, and blessing its growth.

Cantor and Congregation

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

Cantor and Congregation

A READING FROM GENESIS

One: God speaks words that are life-giving, and God's life-giving words are always good.

All: As God's beloved children we are given the power to speak life-giving words.

Genesis 1:20-26

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

One: God's care for all of creation reigns now and forever.

All: Created in God's image, our lives bear witness to the love God has for all of Creation.

ANTHEM

"Earth Song"
Frank Ticheli

Chancel Choir

*Sing, Be, Live, See...This dark stormy hour, the wind, it stirs.
The scorched earth cries out in vain: O war and power, you blind and blur.
The torn heart cries out in pain. But music and singing have been my refuge,
And music and singing shall be my light. A light o song shining strong: Alleluia!
Through darkness, pain, and strife, I'll Sing, Be, Live, See...Peace*

SERMON

"Flourishing Earth"

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:15 a.m.)

INVITATION TO THE FAMILIES

Clergy of the Church

BLESSING

Molly Margaret Lambert

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Truly, Yahweh is in this Place"
Morgan Simmons

Chancel Choir

*Truly, truly, Yahweh is in this place. How awe-inspiring this place is.
This is nothing less than a house of God. This is the gate of heaven!*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jane Clower

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Et in terra pax"
Thomas Juneau

Community Quartet

*Translation: And on earth peace to men of good will.
Where wars oppress enemies, give strength and help.*

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jane Clower

**Giver of life, freely you have given us all that we need to thrive and flourish. Having
freely received from you all that we need, we freely offer back to you a portion of
what we have received. Grant that these offerings will further your ongoing creation
of a world that is life-giving for all. Amen**

THE SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"God Reigns O'er All The Earth"

TERRA BEATA



God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
God reigns o'er hu - man life! Through youth and ag - ing years, in
God reigns! Em - man - u - el! God with us ev - ery day, in



farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau - ty show.
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
all our past and to the last, our com - fort and our stay.



God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread - ing plains, in
God reigns o'er hu - man life! Our in - spi - ra - tion still. Through
God reigns! Em - man - u - el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's



rain - bow hues, reds, yel - lows, blues of streams and coun - try lanes.
all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign - ing will.
pres - ence here makes all things dear. Let joy - ful bells be rung!

*Benediction

Postlude

"Hymne Au Soleil"
(Hymn to the Sun)
Louis Vierne

Andrew R. Galuska, organ

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Deacon: Jane Clower

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

The white rose on the altar today is in celebration of the baptism of Molly Margaret Lambert, daughter of Mark Harold Lambert and Courtney Perry Lambert.

Opening litany and unison prayer adapted from Eco-Justice Services, World Council of Churches worship resources.

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY...

Food Drive Today: Thank you for participating in this year's Food Drive and bringing in your unexpired, unopened, non perishable foods today. There are Food Drive offering envelopes in the pews today if you would like to make a monetary contribution. Every little bit helps!

Jazz Vespers Tonight: Join Rev. Jacob and our Jazz Combo for an evening of Poetry, Scripture, Prayer, and refreshments in the Courtyard. This month's theme is "Desire" This unique worship offering is at 7:00 p.m. Weather: Community Hall.

Sacred Pause is a small group which meets for prayer, spiritual study, and encouragement each Monday at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome. To request a Zoom link, contact charlene.applegate@ccovb.org.

Wellness Ministries: Move your body with Elaine Matthes and a welcoming group. Life-Long Fitness is Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Qigong is Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Elaine at 772-643-6644.

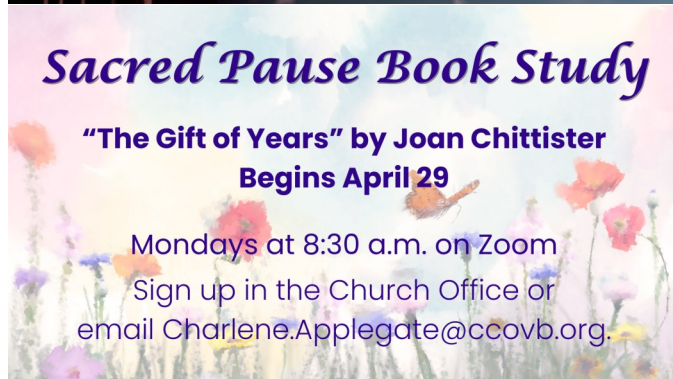
Spiritual Direction is offered by Rev. Beverly Zell, Minister for Congregational Care and commissioned spiritual director. Information is available in the Church Office for those who want to learn more. To make an appointment call Suzanne at 772-469-2303.

The Chosen Season 3: Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Loft.

Our **Monday** group with Rev. Jacob begins **Tomorrow, April 22. at 7:00 p.m.** in the Loft. Our first gathering will be a review of seasons 1 and 2, so for those who have not participated in the past, you are more than welcome to jump in at season 3. We will also discuss logistics – what to expect each week, what to look for when watching each episode, etc. There is no need to purchase a workbook for season 3. All you need is an internet connection and about an hour each week to watch the episode prior to our discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Jacob at jacob.kines@ccovb.org.



JAZZ VESPERS
TONIGHT "DESIRE"
7:00 P.M. IN THE COURTYARD
Rain Location: Community Hall
Poetry Prayers Live Jazz Refreshments



Sacred Pause Book Study
"The Gift of Years" by Joan Chittister
Begins April 29
Mondays at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom
Sign up in the Church Office or
email Charlene.Applegate@ccovb.org.



Wellness Ministries
With Elaine Matthes
Mondays & Wednesdays:
Fitness at 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays:
Qigong at 9:30 a.m.
Info: 772-643-6644



Spiritual Direction
with Rev. Beverly Zell
MONDAYS BY APPOINTMENT
10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
Contact Suzanne Rice
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SEASON 3-COME AND SEE!
Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Loft
Mondays at 7 p.m. - April 22
THE CHOSEN

**SUNDAY GOSPEL, WEDNESDAY FAITH
EarthCare Film Discussion**

April 24

5:00 p.m. Supper

5:30 p.m. Program



RSVP For Supper by noon on Tuesday, April 23

Sunday Gospel, Wednesday Faith April 24:

Once upon a time, Coke's bottles were an environmentalist's dream: stylish glass bottles washed and reused over and over, leaving no pollution. Today, however, Coca Cola is the worlds biggest plastic producer and polluter. What happened? Join us on Wednesday, April 24 for an EarthCare discussion on the film "Exposed: How Coke Killed the Refillable Bottle" bring some ideas to share with our EarthCare team. Supper begins at 5 p.m. and the film discussion will follow at 5:30 p.m. To help us prepare, contact the Church Office by Tuesday, April 23, or sign up in the Courtyard following worship.

Fellowship Formation-Mahjong April 25:

Mahjong will meet this Thursday, April 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Commotion. Questions? Contact Joy Lambert at joyalam@comcast.net.

**HISTORICAL
TOUR**

Take a Historical Tour of
Your Community Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 28
After 10:15 a.m. Worship



Historical Tour April 28:

In honor of our church's 100th anniversary, the Fellowship Ministry will be offering another historical tour of our wonderful facility on Sunday, April 28, following the 10:15 worship service. There are only 3 spots left! Sign up at the Welcome Table in the Courtyard after service today.



**Earth Month
Conservation Pledge**

My Name is _____

I Pledge to _____

to care for God's creation in 2024.

Signature

**Please detach this pledge card
and post it in your home as a
reminder.**

LOOKING AHEAD AT COMMUNITY...

C³ Music & Fine Arts Camp 2024: Mark your calendars! Our 2024 camp, "Gone Fishin'" is July 22-26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday. Join us as we takeover the church campus for an entire week, learning about how Jesus calls us, just as he called his disciples, while making beautiful music, creating works of art in multiple mediums, and learning dance choreography all in one week! Camp is open to children aged 5 to 10 and is \$75 per child. Need-based scholarships are available. **Registration opens on May 1!** Contact Rachel Carter Murphy at 772-469-2320 or rachel.carter@ccovb.org for more information about attending or volunteering.



C³ Camp Sponsors: Scholarships increase the accessibility of our camp, allowing us to welcome children who might not be able afford a week-long camp experience. We have been so blessed by your generosity in past years, allowing a third of our campers to attend our camp at a reduced, or waived fee. If you would like to sponsor one or more children this year, contact Rachel Carter Murphy at 772-469-2320 or rachel.carter@ccovb.org.

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The Community Church of Vero Beach was "Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more that binds us together than separates us in the worship of God."

We invite you to experience this community of God's people, who follow Christ's way, worship in Christ's name, welcome and love all, and serve widely and joyfully, to transform our lives and world by reflecting God's living Spirit.

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.



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