



**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."*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT & COMMUNION**  
**MARCH 1, 2026**  
**10:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Streamed Worship**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation.*

*Our 10:30 a.m. service is streamed online and may appear on social media, YouTube, and our church website. Children pre-K to fifth grade are invited to Sunday School in room 206 prior to 10:30 worship. If you would like your children to begin worship with you, bring them to room 206 for Sunday School when you are ready. The Garden Room is available to parents of small children during worship.*

PRELUDE **"What Wondrous Love Is This?"** Logan Koller, organ  
arr. *Mark Hayes and Marvin J. Gaspard* Jill A. Truax, piano

COMMUNITY WORDS Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

CHORAL INTROIT **"I Was Glad When They Said to Me"** Chancel Choir  
*Hamill/Truax Psalm 122:1*

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Beverly A. Zell

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN **"Lift High the Cross"** CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.  
Come, Christ - ians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:  
*To Refrain*  
the Lamb vic - tor - ious Christ, the Child of God.  
bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession.

## \*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; we pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. 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.

1 JOHN 4:7-8, 16B-18

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>16b</sup> God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection.

ANTHEM

"God, Thou Art Love"  
*Craig Courtney*

Chancel Choir

### ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

JOHN 3:1-10

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

UNISON RESPONSE

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

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,  
That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.  
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

MESSAGE

"Born Again, Again"

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pamella Clarkson

MUSICAL OFFERING

"God So Love The World"  
*John Stainer*

Chancel Choir

\*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.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

*Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion.*

*Please hold the bread and the cup until all are served as a sign of our unity in Christ.*

*Our communion wine is non-alcoholic. Gluten-free wafers will be in the center of each tray.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Clergy of the Church

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Sonata in F minor, K. 466

Jill A. Truax, piano

*Domenico Scarlatti*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*SUNG*)

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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, on earth come down,  
Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;  
Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwel - ling, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown;  
sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.  
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;  
Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure un - bound - ed love Thou art;  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Vi - sit us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

\*CHORAL AMEN

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

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
*Paul Manz*

Su Lee, organ

### TODAY IN WORSHIP

DEACON: Pamela Clarkson

#### Today We Remember...

Mark Alan Rice who passed away unexpectedly on January 6, 2026.

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

by Sean Sexton in love and honor of Sharon Sexton for her birthday on March 3.

in loving memory of Mark Alan Rice, brother to Donna and Bonnie, Uncle to Jeff & Melissa, Scott & Shianna, Great Uncle to Palmer, Husband of Mary, and Son of Julius & Evelyn Rice.



# COMMUNITY LIFE

Sunday, March 1, 2026

## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

**8:30 a.m.** Sacred Pause Mondays on Zoom

Info: [jlhoffman1950@gmail.com](mailto:jlhoffman1950@gmail.com)

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

**2:00 p.m.** Mahjong | Info: [JoyALam@comcast.net](mailto:JoyALam@comcast.net)

**5:30 p.m.** Knitting Group - Garden Room

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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

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

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

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

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

**8:30 a.m.** Habitat for Humanity Painting

**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 - Garden Room

**5:00 p.m.** Community @ Community

**6:30 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

**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](mailto:beverly.zell@ccovb.org)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

**5:30 p.m.** Women's Retreat in Community Hall

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

**8:30 a.m.** Women's Retreat in Community Hall

### COFFEE HOUR HELPERS NEEDED

Check your calendars! March & April dates are open! Sign up for a Sunday (or two) to help with coffee hour after worship.

### ANGEL'S ATTIC SILENT AUCTION TODAY

There's one more opportunity to contribute to the Angel's Attic!

Today after 10:30 a.m. worship the Fellowship Ministry will hold a silent auction in the Courtyard featuring "Yellow Iris," a stained glass piece created by Kathryn Self. Proceeds from the auction will be combined with our Rummage Sale and benefit the Mission Ministry here at the Community Church.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Sundays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Monday-Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fridays: Closed | Saturdays: Closed

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*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.*



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF VERO BEACH



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST



**SACRED PAUSE LENTEN BOOK STUDY MONDAYS AT 8:30 A.M. ON ZOOM**

For Lent we'll be reading Christine Paintner's A Different Kind of Fast: Feeding Our True Hungers in Lent. Buy your own text, it's available at Amazon for \$19.99, and begin reading the Introduction. Email Michele.Wahle@ccovb.org to sign up for the Zoom link. Wonder what this is all about? Ask Jan Hoffman, [jlhoffman1950@gmail.com](mailto:jlhoffman1950@gmail.com). Won't you join in?



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PAINTING MARCH 4**

Community Church is recruiting for the next Habitat For Humanity Painting Team! We'll paint on Wednesday, March 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn more and sign up at the Mission Table in the Courtyard after worship or call the Church Office at 772-562-3633.



**Community @ Community Wednesday, March 4 at 5 p.m. in Community Hall**

"What makes life truly worth living?" On February 25 we began a five-week series based on *Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most*, facilitated by Jacob Kines. Each week we'll reflect on a different theme from the book – including desire, identity, love, suffering, and hope. Every session stands on its own, so you're welcome to attend all five weeks or simply join as you are able. A limited number of books will be available at the Church for \$15. You may choose to buy 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 at 772-562-3633 to let us know you plan to attend.



**LENTEN POETRY & MUSIC: MARCH 5 AT 11:00 A.M. IN GRACE CHAPEL**

As we journey through Lent, take some time for music and the spoken word with poet Greg Byrd and classical guitarist Miguel Bonachea in Grace Chapel. Invite a friend for a morning of reflection, perspective, and delight. This presentation is free and welcomes all, and a free-will offering will be accepted.



**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW! FANTASIA OF THE ISLES: A CELTIC CELEBRATION MARCH 8**

We are pleased to welcome the Astralis Chamber Ensemble to Grace Chapel on Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with this spellbinding program featuring Celtic-inspired works performed by flutist Angela Massey and harpist Yvonne Cox. Known for over sixty recitals annually and award-winning artistry, Astralis brings to life rich Irish and British traditions, unfolding in a captivating performance that blends music with storytelling. Tickets are \$10 and available in the Courtyard Today after worship. Visit [ccovb.org/music-fine-arts](http://ccovb.org/music-fine-arts).



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

Each year the John J. and Robert D. Post Scholarship Fund awards financial assistance to members of Community Church's youth program who faithfully participate in the life of our church through youth group, mission trips, and attendance. Throughout the years several dozen CCOVB high school seniors have had the opportunity to receive recognition for their dedicated involvement with financial assistance toward their college education. Interested High School seniors and College students may apply. For more information contact [Stephanie.Toomey@ccovb.org](mailto:Stephanie.Toomey@ccovb.org).



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](mailto:info@ccovb.org)

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

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