



WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
AT YOUR 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."*

COMMUNION SUNDAY

MARCH 2, 2025

8:30 a.m. Grace Chapel Worship

10:15 a.m. Sanctuary & Streamed Worship

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

*Our 10:15 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 up in room 206 prior to 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 "Metamorphosis" by Kathleen Feenstra Jill A. Truax, piano

COMMUNITY WORDS Rev. Beverly A. Zell

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "O Send Out Your Light" Chancel Choir  
by Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Beverly A. Zell

\*OPENING HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" RATISBON



Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,  
Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
Joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
Fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Today's cover image is  
"Cup of Many Colors" sourced from [stushieart.com](http://stushieart.com)

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**We confess that we do not always follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and do not turn to You as a source of healing. Forgive us we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and in service. Amen**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

## ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

## A READING FROM 2 KINGS 2:1-3,6-14

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

## Unison Response

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

## ANTHEM

"Standing Upon This Peak of Glory"  
Michael James Bland

Chancel Choir

## SERMON

"Taking Up The Mantle"

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jane Clower

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Lord is My Light"  
by Francis Allitsen

Rachel Carter Murphy, soprano  
Jill A. Truax, piano

\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jane Clower

**We offer these gifts to you, O God, with fervent hope that they will lessen suffering, heal the sick, and help the lost to find their way home. We cheerfully dedicate our offerings to your work in the world, both through this community of faith and through Mission and Service.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF 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 then 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

Responsive Call to Communion

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God most high.

**All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Adagio in B Minor K. 540"  
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jill A. Truax, piano

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*SUNG*)

*Our Father, which 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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
So per - fect Your glo - ry, so bril - liant Your light,  
In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
Your an - gels a - dore You, all veil - ing their sight;  
Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Your just - ice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
All praise we now ren - der; as Your an - gels do:  
Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Your great name we praise.  
your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
In awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing You.

\*Benediction

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

POSTLUDE

"Symphony No. 6 in G Minor op. 42, No. 2"  
by Charles-Marie Widor

Logan Koller, organ



On Monday, February 24



Valerie Kines' Sister, Shannon Passed away...

Please join us in prayer for Rev. Jacob, Valerie, and their family for safe travels, peace, and comfort as they travel to Philadelphia to celebrate Shannon's life.

Cards and Condolences will be received in the Church Office.

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Deacon:** Jane Clower

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND GIVEN...**  
by Sean Sexton in love and honor of Sharon Sexton on her birthday on March 3.



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.*



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Your Week at a Glance

**Life-Long Fitness @ 9:30 a.m.**

Mon. Mar, 3 in Commotion  
Wed. March 5 Outside  
(Weather Permitting)

**Mahjong Mon, Mar. 3 @ 2 p.m.**

In the Loft (Rm. 204)  
772-559-3193

**“Reflections” (Small Group)**

Monday, March 3 @ 6 p.m.  
Light supper and discussion on  
Sunday’s message in the  
Garden Room.

**NO Wednesday Bible Studies**

Resumes March 12

**NO Grief Group Wed. March 5**

Next one March 19 @ 3:30 p.m.  
in the Garden Room

**“The Promise of Heaven” (SG)**

Thursdays @ 2:30 p.m. in the  
Garden Room

**No Community @ Community**

Resumes March 12

**“Church Chat” (SG) March 6**

1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 6 p.m.  
light supper & discussion in  
the Prayer Room.

**Spiritual Direction w/ Rev. Zell**

Thursdays @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
By appointment: 772-469-2303

**Church Office Hours:**

Sun: 8 - 11:30 a.m.  
Mon. - Thurs: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Fri: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sat: CLOSED



**RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF**

March 3 - March 5  
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**SALE HOURS**

Thursday, March 6  
5 to 8 p.m.

Friday, March 7  
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8  
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ITEMS APPRECIATED:**


Clothing, Shoes, Art, Toys,  
Books, Accessories, Linens,  
Housewares, Furniture, Decor,  
Sporting Goods, Electronics &  
Small Appliances and More!

**No:** Cribs, Mattresses, Carseats,  
TVs, or Computer Monitors

Info: Susan Kramer  
772-481-4567

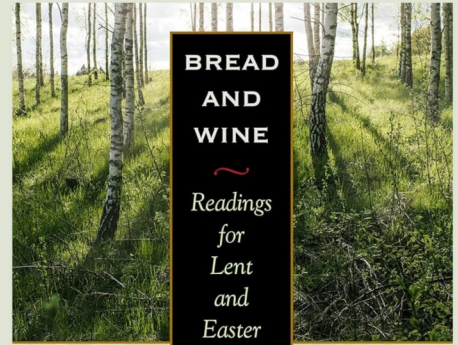
*Lenten*  
Poetry & Music Series

Thursdays in Lent at 11 a.m.



March 6 Poet  
Allison Granucci  
Free-Will Offering

*Sacred Pause  
Book Study*



Arnold ♦ Augustine ♦ Berry ♦ Buechner ♦ Chesterton  
Eckhart ♦ Gibran ♦ Kierkegaard ♦ Lewis ♦ Merton  
Muggeridge ♦ Norris ♦ Nouwen ♦ Pascal ♦ Rossetti  
Sayers ♦ Tolstoy ♦ Updike ♦ Wilde ♦ Yancey ♦ and others

Sacred Pause Book Study on  
Zoom Mondays @ 8:30 a.m.  
beginning **March 3**. Email  
jlhoffman1950@gmail.com for  
more information or call the  
Church Office to sign up and  
receive the Zoom link.

**COUNSELING @ COMMUNITY**



Beginning **March 7**, Peter  
Ferrell, a National Certified  
Counselor, will offer  
emotional support and  
counseling for adolescents,  
adults, and couples on Fridays  
in the Prayer Room. Session  
times offered: **10 & 11 a.m.** To  
make an appointment, call  
Suzanne Rice at 772-562-3633.



*Ash*  
*Wednesday*

This **Wednesday, March 5** marks the beginning of **Lent**, a season of self-examination, repentance, acceptance of our vulnerability, and God's generosity. Community Church offers two Ash Wednesday observances:

**Ashes - to - Go**  
**@ 11:30 a.m.**

Imposition of ashes and a quick blessing from clergy in the Courtyard.

**Evening Worship**  
**@ 6:00 p.m.**

This in-person only service in the Sanctuary offers prayers, music by the chancel choir, imposition of ashes, and a meditative start to the Lenten season.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT SIGN UP**

Spots are filling up and there are only 5 left! Registration is open until **next Sunday, March 9!**

Invite a friend and sign up today! Fee is **\$250** shared and **\$350** single.

Contact: 772-562-3633.



**GOLF TOURNAMENT MARCH 15**

There's still time to register yourself and your friends! Visit the Youth Ministry table at Soul Café today to register. **\$150/adult \$50/youth**. For more information, contact Charlene in the Church Office at 772-469-2322 or [charlene.applegate@ccovb.org](mailto:charlene.applegate@ccovb.org).



**Join the Earth Care Team for a Meaningful Lent!**

The Earth Care team invites you to make sacrifices that honor our faith and God's creation. Here are 3 ways we can make a big impact:

1. **Reduce Single Use Plastics:** Protect our oceans, wildlife, and human health. See a team member for your reusable grocery bag today!
2. **Reduce Meat Consumption:** Learn how to include plant-based meals in your diet on **March 18** for our **Vegetarian Cooking Class** at Counterculture Beachside. \$35/pp Info: [doandres22@gmail.com](mailto:doandres22@gmail.com)
3. **Avoid Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticides:** Protect our ground water, the Indian River Lagoon, and our health.

**MISSION CARE-A-VAN**

Visit and see the organizations we partner with in offerings of time and financial giving, and learn where you can volunteer.



Space Limited. visit the Mission Table or the Church Office if interested.

**SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH SURVEY UPDATE**

Good news!! As of 2/26/25 a total of **333** surveys have been completed. We appreciate the participation and look forward to receiving many more surveys from you.



Scan the Code to visit [surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityChurchVeroBeach](https://surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityChurchVeroBeach)  
Paper copies are available after worship.  
The deadline to complete the survey is **March 9.**