

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."*

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025

8:30 a.m. Worship in Grace Chapel

10:15 a.m. Sanctuary and Livestream Worship

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

PRELUDE Ronde Française by Leön Boëllmann Logan Koller, organ

COMMUNITY WORDS Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Beverly A. Zell

\*OPENING HYMN "Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good" MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God, our high-est good, pro - found re-spect ex - press-ing.  
 Cre - a - tion thanks you, Ho - ly One: you made us and re - new us.  
 For - ev - er with us, God is hear, Nor ev - er will de - sert us.

God gives us health, life, live - li - hood, with ev - ery need - ed bless - ing.  
 De - light-ed at what you have done, you show your great - ness through us.  
 So dear - ly loved, we shall not fear: there's noth - ing that can hurt us.

To God, who won - drous works per - forms, cre - a - ting life and  
 So may all liv - ing things pro - claim the won - ders of their  
 We place our trust in God's com - mand, who leads us with a

calm - ing storms, to God give praise and glo - ry!  
 Mak - er's name: to God give praise and glo - ry!  
 moth - er's hand: to God give praise and glo - ry!

\*OPENING LITANY

Pamella Clarkson

One: O God, in you and through you we have our being.

**All: We give thanks for the ways you strengthen, encourage, and pour life into us.**

One: Remind us of our shared life in one another. Keep ever before us the unifying love that finds its very life in you.

**All: By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and with one another.**

One: Please join me in prayer...

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pamella Clarkson

**Gracious God, make each of us an instrument of your grace. Weave us into a community showing forth your power and tenderness. Bless us and our differences and under gird our courage to stand together. We call on you today to gather us in your love. Lead us to better know you and glorify you on each step of the journey of our lives. In the name of Jesus, let us breathe in the love of God we encounter in this time and place. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

*At this time, children pre-k to fifth grade are excused to Sunday School (10:15 a.m.)*

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Rev. Jacob W. Kines

Luke 4:38-43

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, **"I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose."**

Response

One: By the reading and hearing of these words,

**All: may our lives be transformed.**

ANTHEM

"Good News" arr. by André J. Thomas

Women's Trio

SERMON

"When to Say No"

Rev. Dr. Jacob W. Kines

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### INVITATION

Clergy of the Church

Diane Barbier (S)  
Michael "Tank" Sherman (S)  
Monica Hayes (C<sub>2</sub>)  
Anthony Furino (C<sub>2</sub>)

Eileen Furino (C<sub>2</sub>)  
Bonnie Mountain (S)  
Jim Mountain (S)  
Kathleen Smith (C<sub>2</sub>)  
Neil Smith (C<sub>2</sub>)

Will Bryant (C<sub>2</sub>)  
Chrissy Bryant (C<sub>2</sub>)  
Mary Cotter (S)  
Zachary Chaky Jr. (S)

### QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

#### \*SHARING THE COVENANT

**In the presence of God and these witnesses, we give ourselves unreservedly to God's service, and take this to be our church. Ever mindful of the welfare of our fellow members, we promise to walk with them in Christian faithfulness and love. We further promise that so far as we are able: we will attend the services of the church regularly, observe its rites and sacraments, and share in its work; accept positions of leadership, service, and duty within the range of our talents and the needs of the church; support the church's expenses and benevolences regularly as stewards of God's blessings; teach and cherish, in accordance with the precepts of this church any children whose nurture and training may come within our responsibility; and endeavor in every way, to make this fellowship a fruitful body of Christ, a genuine church family.**

### CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Enrich, God Heart, Mouth, Hands in Me"  
by Paul Hamill

Chancel Choir

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

Rev. Beverly A. Zell

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pamella Clarkson

### MUSICAL OFFERING

"My Faith is in Thee" by Jaeschke

Chancel Choir

### UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pamella Clarkson

**Gracious God, all that we offer you stems from your generosity. May the gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us. Amen.**

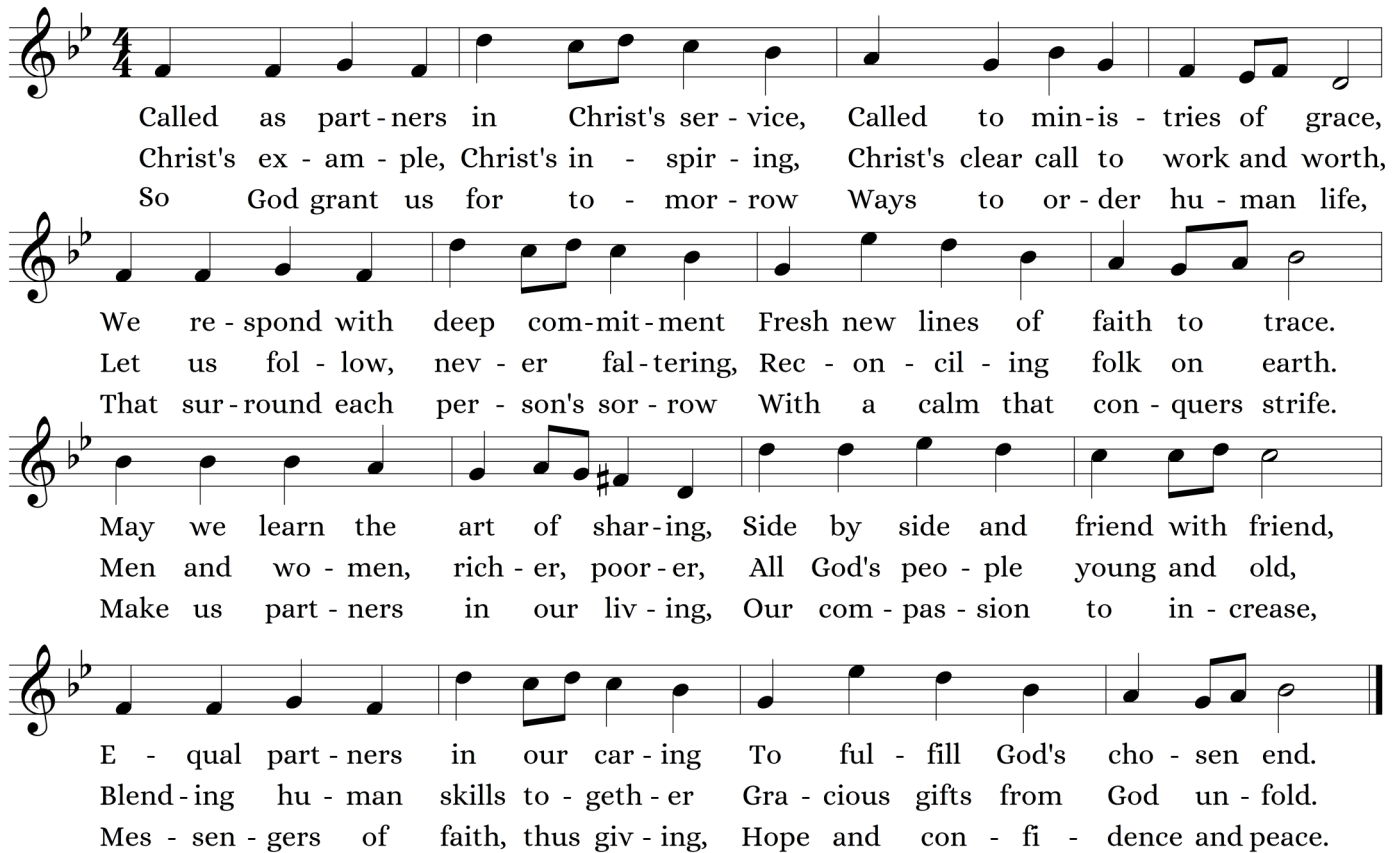


# THE SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER



Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, Called to min - is - tries of grace,  
Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der hu - man life,  
We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
That sur - round each per - son's sor - row With a calm that con - quers strife.  
May we learn the art of shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wo - men, rich - er, poor - er, All God's peo - ple young and old,  
Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,  
E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.  
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing, Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

\*Benediction

Rev. Jacob W. Kines

POSTLUDE

"Festival Finale" by Malcolm Archer

Jill A. Truax, organ

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Deacon: Pamella Clarkson

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

by Betsy Sams in loving memory of David Sams.

Today We Remember...

Theodore E. Gordon, who passed away on January 13, 2025.

The Image on the cover of your bulletin is

"Good News (The Gospel)" by Clarence Gardener, sourced from saatchiart.com.

*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

COURAGEOUS • CURIOUS • CREATIVE • COMPASSIONATE



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

Your Week at a Glance

**Life-Long Fitness**

Mon. & Wed. @ 9:30 a.m.  
in Community Hall  
772-559-2210

**Mahjong**

Monday, January 27 @ 2 p.m.  
In the Loft (Rm. 204)  
772-559-3193

**Community Ringers**

Tuesdays @ 5 p.m.  
in the Choir Room  
772-469-2320

**Wednesday Bible Studies**

Men @ 7:30 a.m.  
Women @ 10:30 a.m.  
Community Hall and Zoom

**Grief Group Wednesday Feb. 5**

3:30 p.m. with Rev. Zell  
in the Garden Room

**Community @ Community**

Wed. in Community Hall  
5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Program

**Chancel Choir**

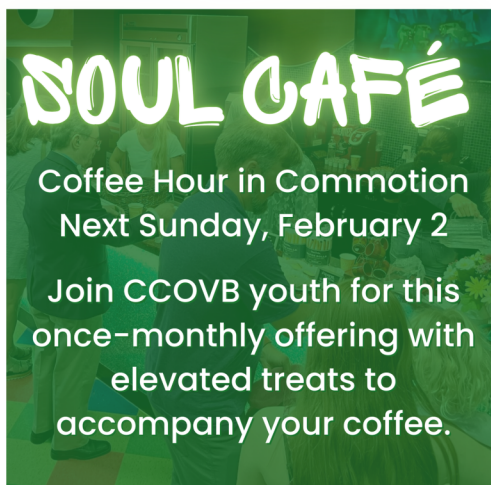
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.  
in the Choir Room  
772-469-2321

**Spiritual Direction w/ Rev. Zell**

Thursdays @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
By appointment: 772-562-3633

**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



**SOUL CAFÉ**  
Coffee Hour in Commotion  
Next Sunday, February 2  
Join CCOVB youth for this  
once-monthly offering with  
elevated treats to  
accompany your coffee.



**SMALL GROUP FORMATION  
DINNER & DISCUSSION**

**1/29 COMMUNITY @ COMMUNITY**

This Wednesday, we continue our discussion about small groups and faith formation here at Community Church. What small groups would you like to see? Would you like to lead a group? Bring your ideas and join us! Dinner begins at 5 p.m. and the presentation is at 6 p.m. in Community Hall. To help us prepare, sign up in the Church Office or call 772-562-3633.



**THE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF VERO BEACH  
ANNUAL MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5  
6:00 P.M.  
IN COMMUNITY HALL  
Participate in the life of the  
Church as we begin the new year.  
All are invited to attend.  
Only members may vote.

**2/2 & 2/16 FOOD DRIVE**

We are invited to help fight food insecurity! Next week, take home a grocery bag to fill with canned goods to bring back on Feb. 16. Offering envelopes will also be available for donations.



**FOOD  
DRIVE**  
Bags Distributed on Feb. 2  
Bring Filled Bags Feb. 16



**CELEBRATION OF  
CONGREGATIONAL ART SHOW  
CREATIVITY**  
Extended to February 2  
GALLERY HOURS:  
SUNDAY: 8 - 11:30 A.M.  
M-F: 9:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
To view the gallery: 772-562-3633



**1/30 HABITAT PAINTING PROJECT**

Your Community Church is recruiting a team of painters for Thursday, January 30 at 8:30 a.m. Space is limited. You can learn more and get involved by visiting the Mission Ministry table in the Courtyard following worship or call the Church Office at 772-562-3633.

**2/2 WOMEN'S RETREAT SIGN UP**

Women's Retreat is coming! This year's theme is "Finding Our Way Home" facilitated by Lori Ferrell at the **San Pedro Retreat Center** from March 28 to March 30. Registration is February 2 to March 1! Fee is \$250 shared and \$350 single. Contact: 772-562-3633.



**2/9 SOUPERBOWL OF CARING**

Get ready to collect your spare change and bring it to church on Sunday, February 9 for the Annual "SouperBowl of Caring" donation drive. Youth will collect your donations in soup pots that morning and your donations will benefit local organizations dedicated to food insecurity.

**3/15 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Mark your calendars and gather your team for our 16th Annual Community Cup Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 15. Proceeds benefit the High School Youth Mission Trip this summer. Keep an eye out for registration details to come!



**LUNCHEON & STYLISH SHOW**

Tickets are going fast! Join us on March 6 at 12 p.m. in Commotion. Your \$30 ticket includes a lunch of shrimp salad, mixed greens and croissant, stylish show, and exclusive access to shop before the sale opens to the public! Buy your tickets in the Courtyard following worship or weekdays in the Church Office.

**RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF**

Time to gather your treasures to contribute to our amazing sale! Donations will be gratefully received beginning Monday, March 3 to Wednesday, March 5. Jewelry may be dropped off any time during Church Office hours.



**GOOD NEWS OF GRATITUDE**

Thank you from the Treasurer! Thanks to your generosity CCOVB received **\$2,167,000** in contributions toward our 2024 operating expenses. That's **99.2%** of our budget! We will share details for 2024 as well as present our 2025 budget at our Annual Meeting on February 5 at 6 p.m. in Community Hall.

