

In Remembrance
Of Me

The Least
Of These

Where Two Or
Three Are Gathered

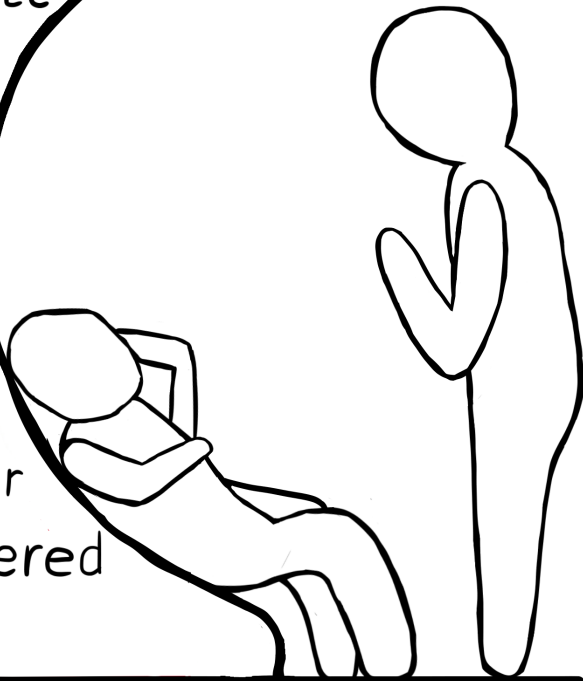
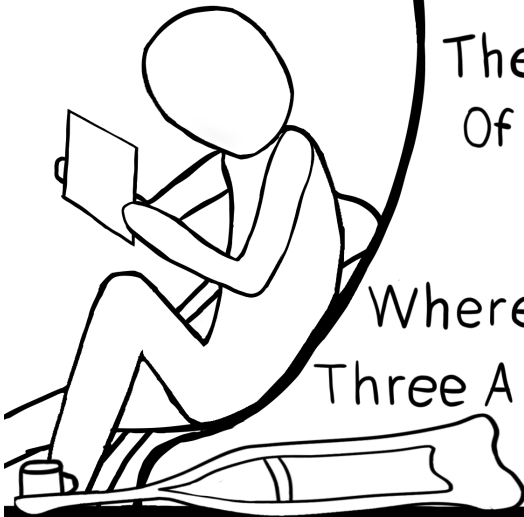


Image Idea by GRCC High School Youth
Design by John Malla

“Gayton Road Christian Church feels called to share the life of faith around tables, in small groups, and with the needful.”

— GRCC Visioning Team 16/17



*We are Disciples of Christ,
a movement for wholeness
in a fragmented world.*

**Gayton Road Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Ministers: Every Believer
Pastor: Jonathan Kruschwitz**

*October 1, 2017
World Communion Sunday*



*As part of the one body of
Christ, we welcome all to
the Lord's Table as God
has welcomed us.*

*Please use the Narthex for conversation, gathering and visiting,
so that the Sanctuary may be used for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL

“Come, All You People”

Uyaimose

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, from north and south,
east and west.

Come, all you travelers,
on the Way.

Come to the Table of the Lord.

Come, for friendship
and fun.

Come, for service
and self-giving.

Come to the Table of the Lord.

Come, you who hunger
for life.

Come, you who thirst
for something more.

Come to the Table of the Lord.

For the Lord our God has gathered us here
and Jesus the Christ is the host.

Come, you who are blessed;
come, you who are broken.

Come to the table of the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN 288**

“O God of Vision”

LOBE DEN HERREN

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Feasting God,
Whose Son came eating and drinking
With the unwanted and the unwelcome,
Exposing the rivalry and competition
That tears the world apart:
Draw us—and the world—together
At your table,
Where your kingdom comes
In the blessed and broken gift of love.
Amen.**

ANTHEM "O Sifuni Mungu" arr. Roger Emerson
(All Creatures of Our God and King)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURAL HOMILY "He Came Eating and Drinking" Various Verses

STORIES Mark Clements
Carol Malla
Virginia Taylor

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 330** "Alleluia! Hear God's Story" W ZLOBIE LEZY

*During this song, all are welcome to come forward to become members of Gayton Road
Christian Church by transfer of membership or baptism.*

Deacons gather in the back of the sanctuary to prepare for the offering.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Jamaican Folk Song

***DOXOLOGY 46** "Praise God" OLD HUNDREDTH

***OFFERING BLESSING**

**God of joy,
Christ of banquet feasts—
Break, bless, and spread
Our gifts and our lives,
That your kingdom feast
Might grace
Coffee tables
And bars
And scratched kitchen counters
All the world over. In the name of our host, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CONFESSION

Lord, you prepare a place for us. Christ, your table is open to all. Lord, your welcome is wild.

When we refuse your invitation: When we keep it for ourselves: When we are caged by fear:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE PEACE

Christ whose table challenges our chain of command and overthrows our order, is our peace. Having tasted the fruits of the kingdom, let us share his peace.

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 424 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table” WELCOME TABLE

(Elders and Deacons gather in the back of the Sanctuary to prepare to serve)

Communion is celebrated each Sunday. As a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation, we practice an open table where all are invited to the table. There is no barrier that prevents participation in the Lord’s Supper. Please come forward to take communion. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to come forward, communion will be brought to you. The communion bread is gluten free.

PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN 491 “As Grain on Scattered Hillsides” MERLE’S TUNE

*BENEDICTION

**May the kingdom of God,
The table of Christ,
And the fruits of the Spirit,
Be ours to share with the world,
Today and evermore. Amen.**

RECESSIONAL “Come, All You People” Uyaimose

Please follow the choir and worship participants out of the sanctuary.

*Please stand if able.

As a courtesy to other worshippers, please silence phones. Bibles (electronic or book) are most welcome!

Scheduled to serve today:

Pastor	Jonathan Kruschwitz
Director of Music.....	Jack Fox
Intern.....	Emily Croxford
Lay Leader	Anna McFarlane
Elders	Seth Spivey & Cinda Caiella
Deacons.....	Alyssa McGinnis, Becky Ennis, Carol Malla, & Alexa McFarlane
Acolytes.....	McFarlane Family
Children’s Message	Judy Richardson
Nursery.....	Darrah Davis

Welcome to Worship: *Whether you are a member, friend or visiting with us today, may God bless you during worship this morning. You ARE welcome and we’re very blessed that you are worshipping with us today!*

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

October 8 Table Fellowship: There will be **NO Sunday School or sanctuary worship** on Sunday, October 8. Instead, we will be gathering together for Table Fellowship at Deep Run Park at 11 am (back shelters, 4 and 5). Please **bring a covered dish to share**, and invite friends and family to join us around the table. On the one hand, this is a very non-traditional worship setting. But on the other hand, it is one of the most traditional settings for worship: for the Table is where Jesus promises he will always be, and it is how he repeatedly describes the kingdom—as a feast!

Hurricane Relief Efforts: The Disciples are coordinating relief efforts through their disaster and emergency relief team, “Week of Compassion.” Donations to Week of Compassion can be made online at disciples.org, and will go fully toward their designation. We are also sending hygiene kits to affected communities through the help of Church World Service. Please see the narthex table for more assembly instructions.

A Common Table: If there’s one thing Jesus enjoyed—and was particularly good at—it was eating together! We happen to like it too. :) Please join us at the table every third Wednesday of the month for a hearty meal. This year, our Common Table gets a reboot. We welcome the guest cooking of two amateur chefs who are keen to share their cooking with others. We will also occasionally welcome an “outside voice”—someone from the community who will share with us a perspective perhaps different than our own. After all, if the Bible is any indication, we often encounter God in the stranger. Come, then, for an adventure of food, friendship, and faith!

Brunswick Stew: The Tradition continues....da da da da’ dummmm! We are making Brunswick Stew again this fall, 8 am on Saturday, Oct. 7, with chicken-picking after church on Sunday, Oct. 1. If you are able to help in any way, your assistance is greatly appreciated! There is a help sign-up list in the Narthex, as well as a pre-sales sign-up list. This is a great opportunity to spread the Word to others through the work of our hands (and metaphorically the fruit of the vine).

Eyeglasses Recycling Project Update: On August 26, 2017, Lu Roberts and fellow Lion Club members met at GRCC for their first session of Eyeglasses Recycling. After a full day's work, they had sorted and scored over 600 pairs of glasses! To read more information on this event, please see the article with pictures in the Narthex. Please continue to drop off your old glasses in the box located in the Narthex. Thank you Lu for your dedication to this very important mission!

Small Groups: Please see the signup sheets for details on our next series of small groups, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 8.

Reconciliation Offering: This week we will receive the 2017 Reconciliation Offering. See the insert in your bulletin for more information.

New Communion Bread: In the next couple of weeks you will begin to notice that GRCC will have new communion bread. This bread will also be free of gluten (as in the past) and now safe also for those with nut allergies. For a complete list of ingredients or if you have any questions regarding this, please see Carol Malla.

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11 am
Elders Meeting (after worship)

THIS WEEK

10/3 Symphony Manor Memory Care Ministry @ 10:30 am
10/4 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

COMING UP

10/7 Brunswick Stew Making @ 8 am
10/8 Table Worship (Potluck) @ 11 am
Deep Run Park, Back Shelters (#4 & 5)
10/10 Girl Scouts @ 4 pm
10/11 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
10/15 Board Meeting (after worship)
Choir Rehearsal @ 3:30 pm
10/18 Common Table @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm

10/1 — 11/5

6-Week
Worship Series on
Our Sense of Call
(see front of bulletin)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Tom and Candice Nguyen, Mary Harris, Jim Harris, Julie Round, Ivan Round, Leslie Hess, and **Dolores Cadet**.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis: Jim Harris; Stuart Wilkinson; Anna Lee Werner; Marion Stinnett; Betty Taylor; June & Bubba Galbraith; Marion Paitsel.

Friends of GRCC:

Theda Mundy, mother of Teresa Campbell
Dana Doupe, a family friend of Debbie Cook.
Amanda & Luke Giannini, friends of Seth Spivey
Family of Tara Harrell, first cousin once removed of Susan Campbell

Bruce and Carol Sharp, parents of Julie Round
Ziya and Billy Cagatay, friends of John Schuler
The Keel Family, esp. Hunter, friends of June & Bubba Galbraith

Ima Tart, friends of June Galbraith
Bart Martorell, friend of June & Bubba Galbraith
Charlie Davis, brother-in-law of Cinda Caiella
Chris Atkinson, cousin of Carol Malla
John Treaster, neighbor of Marc Wingo
Velma Huggins, grandmother of Emily Croxford
Trina Soto and Bo Casillas, friends of Candice Nguyen

David French, cousin of Cinda Caiella
Nikki Caiella, niece of Cinda Caiella
Donna Bell, sister-in-law of Barbara Chapman
Devon Schuler, nephew of John Schuler

We share our deepest sympathies and sorrow with Debbie Cook and her family upon the passing of her aunt, Jeri Cook.

Please remember Debbie and her family in your prayers.

*During the month of **October**, please be in prayer for these Mission Personnel of the Global Ministries for our church.*

Oct 1-7: Tom Liddle, East Timor
Oct 8-14: Linda James, Democratic Republic of Congo
Oct 15-21: Bosela Eale, Democratic Republic of Congo
Oct 22-28: Jeff Wright, Israel/Palestine
Oct 29-Nov 4: Andy Jepson, Sri Lanka

For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit www.globalministries.org

*Together with other churches in Richmond, we pray this **October** for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of October 1, 2017: We pray for all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

***People listed in bold added this week. (Please email or call the church with updates.)**

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GAYTON ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Where everybody is welcome”

Gayton Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a family of friendly, accepting, God-centered people. With our come-as-you-are attitude and non-judgmental philosophy, we believe we are called to love and care for one another and share the Good News of God’s love and grace with the community through our words and actions.