



He is
Risen





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



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

*April 1, 2018
Easter 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.*

GATHERING

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

"In [Christ] the world arose, in him heaven arose, in him the earth arose."

(Ambrose of Milan, 379 CE)

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Robert Hobby

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(John 20:1-18)

In the dark before the dawn, a Stranger asks us,

"Why are you weeping?"

In our grief over what is gone, a Stranger asks us:

"Why are you weeping?"

In our despair for the future, a Stranger asks us:

"Why are you weeping?"

Who is this Stranger who cares,

Who enters into our sadness uninvited?

Could it be...? We have seen this steadfast love before—

It is the Lord!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

***OPENING HYMN 216**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

***OPENING PRAYER**

(John 20:1-18)

O unfamiliar God,

We seek you in the places

You have already left,

And fail to see you

Where you stand right before us.

Open our eyes to your strangeness

So that we might not cling to our familiar grief

But may be freed to proclaim

The joy of your resurrection!

In the name of the risen Christ: Amen.

ANTHEM "The Lord Is Risen" W. A. Mozart

SCRIPTURE Acts 10:34-43

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE John 20:1, 11-18

SERMON "Where the Resurrection Becomes Real"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 222 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" 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 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY (INSERT) "Praise God"

*OFFERING BLESSING (John 20:1-18)

**Holy Stranger
In whom hides resurrection;
Great Gardener
Whose green thumb
Can bring anything to life:
Touch these gifts and our lives
That they might join in your joy
In strange and unexpected places. Amen!**

BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

*"We therefore were buried with him through baptism into death,
In order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,
We too might walk in the newness of life." (Romans 6:4)*

Remember your baptism.

We remember God's love that comes to us uninvited.

We remember God's forgiveness that reconciles us to God and one another.

We remember our old self dying and the resurrection of Christ in us. Amen.

ANTHEM "Come, Be Baptized" Gary Alan Smith

THE PEACE (1 Corinthians 12:13)

"We are all baptized into one body." Jesus Christ is our peace.
The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 420

“I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

(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 234 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*EASTER COMMISSIONING (John 20:11-18; Luke 24:13-32; John 20:19-29)

When you find yourself lost and confused,
May you hear Christ calling your name.

As you venture on uncertain pathways,
May you recognize Christ with you on the journey.

In times of wondering and doubt,
May you feel Christ's patient reassurance.

And in all times and places, now this:
Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Amen.

*BENEDICTION

**May God, who is the Love around us,
Christ, who is the Stranger beside us,
And Spirit, who is the Stirring within us,
Raise us and all creation to new life,
Today and forevermore. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Robert Hobby

***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	David Koerner
Elders	Gracie Tingle & Amanda Carlton
Deacons	Carol Malla, Alyssa McGinnis, Susan Campbell, & Holly McGinnis
Acolytes	Amanda, Garrett, and Corinne Carlton
Children’s Message	David Koerner
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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A special thank you to Nancy Patterson for designing the cover to this bulletin.

GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The church continues to collect used eyeglasses to help children learn and parents maintain their jobs; tab tops from dink cans, soup cans, & cat/dog food cans, etc. to support Ronald McDonald house; box tops found on cereal boxes, soup cans, Kleenex, etc. to support our educational system. The collection boxes are in our narthex.

Easter Offering: Today, **April 1**, we will be receiving our special Easter Offering . Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love, and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/ Global Ministries, and Higher Education and Leadership Ministries.

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 will 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! We meet next on Wednesday, **April 18** at 6 pm, when we will welcome special guests from **L’Arche Metro Richmond**. L’Arche is a global community of faith that celebrates the gifts of persons with intellectual disability—gifts of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship.

District VII Variety Show—On Saturday, **April 21**, 12:00-2:00 pm, at Battery Park Christian Church, there will be a district variety show which will raise funds to support locals efforts to aid victims of human trafficking. All churches are invited to share a couple “acts/talents” for the show, which will feature music, laughter, and more! In addition to the show, there will be lunch (“Make Your Own Sandwich”) and activities for folks to get to know each other.

Craig Springs Summer Camp: Registration has opened for 2018 Summer Camp at our Region’s beloved Craig Springs. Please see information packets in the narthex. (More information on the individual camps is available at www.craigsprings.com/camp-program/) If you have interest or questions in any camp, please let Jonathan know.

From Where I Sit: Faith is an experience. As a community of faith, we share our faith experiences to encourage and inspire each other, and to learn about the ways that God is moving among our community and our world. We invite you to write and share an experience of your own, however great or small. Please send any entries to grccdoc@verizon.net. These will be shared with the church through email.

Today’s Lectionary Scripture

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

TODAY

Easter Sunday

“Sonrise” Service @ 6:30 am
Breakfast (following Sonrise Service)
Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Easter Worship @ 11:00 am

THIS WEEK

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

COMING UP

4/8 Elders Meeting (after worship)
4/10 Girl Scouts @ 4 pm
4/11 Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
4/15 Board Meeting (after worship)
4/18 Common Table @ 6 pm (Special Guests: L’Arche Metro Richmond)
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm
4/21 District VII Variety Show @ 12 —2 pm

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Tom and Candice Nguyen, Mary Harris, Ankie Moore, Marion Paitsel, Bubba Galbraith, Carl Schluter, Jim Harris, and Leslie Hess.

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

Friends of GRCC:

Chris Atkinson, cousin of Carol Malla

Mae Stancliffe, aunt of Julie Round

Donald Mason, uncle of Julie Round

Bruce and Carol Sharpe, parents of Julie Round

Amy Penland, cousin of Susan Campbell

Kelly Harris, friend of Amanda Carlton

Barbara Burns, friend of Amanda Carlton

Jeff Price, friend of Debbie Cook

Cuppett Family, family friends of Debbie Cook

Cherie Holberg, friend of Daniela Larew

Charlie Davis, brother-in-law of Cinda Caiella

Anne Mansini, mother of Leslie Hess

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

Apr. 1-7: Mark Behle, Lesotho

Apr. 8-14: Chimiste Doriscar, Haiti

Apr. 15-21: Bruce Van Voorhis

Apr. 22-28: Elena Huegel, Mexico

Apr. 29-May 5: Ha-un Priscilla Yang, Hungary

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

Together with other churches in Richmond, we pray this April for the Spirit of the resurrection in metropolitan Richmond.

For the week of April 1, 2017: We pray for the Spirit of resurrection: a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's name.

(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.