



*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**

*August 12, 2018
Ordinary Time: Proper 14*



*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.

*"Feel anger, learn what it has to tell you; but do not identify with it, or it will kill you."
(Richard Rohr)*

PRELUDE

Hymn Sing

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51)

In this moment, in this family of faith,
The God of gentleness gathers us together:
**Hoping that our self-righteous anger
Might become passionate justice for others.**

In this place, in that Body shaped by his grace,
Christ, the Bread of Life, calls us to service:
**Hoping that our contentment
Might be transformed into compassion.**

In our hearts, our mouths, our actions,
The Spirit of holiness gifts us with truth:
**Hoping our faltering, fumbling words
Might be transfigured into good news.**

***OPENING HYMN 517**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

BEECHER

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51)

**Bread of life,
You taught us to put away bitterness and anger,
And with tenderhearted kindness
To share the fruit of our labor with the needy.
Strengthen us by your grace,
That in communion with you,
We may forgive one another
And live in love
As Christ loves us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

John 6:35, 41-51

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER 310 (SUNG)

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

SERMON

“When the Sun Goes Down on Anger”

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 566 “Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA

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

(Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

OFFERTORY

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY 50

“Praise God”

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*OFFERING BLESSING (2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; John 6:35, 41-51)

**Lord of Love,
Whose great power
Is to redeem
What is broken:
Shape these gifts and our lives.
Transform them
From instruments of our own will
Into instruments that build up
Others around us.
In him who lived for others, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CONFESSION (2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51)

Lord, your power
is forgiveness.

Christ, your life
was love.

Lord, your truth
was constructive.

**When we look for power
in force and control:**

**When we look for life
in wealth and savings:**

**When we look for truth
in blame and shame:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Psalm 130:4, 7; NRSV and the Message Translations)

THE PEACE (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

Christ is our peace. By his forgiveness and love, we are tenderly gathered together—beyond all anger and bitterness—into one body.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 387 “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN

(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. The bread and the cup are taken in unison; hold each in your hands until you are signaled to partake. This communion bread is gluten free.

You are invited to bless the bread and the cup for your neighbor. As you pass the element, you may say, “The body of Christ, broken for you,” and, “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN 538** “Hope of the World” VICAR

***BENEDICTION** (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

May the truth of God—**come true in us;**
The love of Christ—**come alive in us;**
And the work of the Spirit—**be done in us.**
We go now—**as members of one body, forgiven and forgiving. Amen.**

POSTLUDE “Rondeau” Jean Joseph Mouret

***Please stand if able.**

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

Acknowledgments: Call to Worship inspired by Thom Shuman, “Call to Worship: Proper 14 B,” https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/07/call-to-worship-proper-14-b_28.html, accessed on August 6, 2018; Opening Prayer from Vanderbilt Divinity Library, “Bread of Life,” <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/07/prayer-bread-of-life.html>, accessed on August 6, 2018.

Scheduled to serve today:

Pastor	Jonathan Kruschwitz
Director of Music.....	Jack Fox
Intern	Emily Croxford
Lay Leader	Carl Schluter
Elders	Teresa Campbell & Cinda Caiella
Deacons	Carol Malla, Audrey Schuler, Jeff Wilber, & Debbie Derr
Acolytes	Schuler Family
Nursery	John Malla & 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 worshiping with us today!*

Communion is celebrated each Sunday.

GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Homeless Ministry: We are currently supplying **water and Gatorade** to Rhonda Sneed's Blessing Warriors homeless ministry. Anyone who wishes to help can bring these items to the outreach area of the narthex. For more information, please see the handout in the narthex.

Yard Sale: Volunteers are needed to clean, price, and box the donations. Please see the calendar on the next page for planned work days and consider spending a few hours to help with this important fundraiser. No previous yard sale experience is needed.

Benevolent Fund: Tom and Candice Nguyen are in extreme financial need due to Tom's medical costs and Candice's caretaking, which is prohibitive of employment. To offer them our support and care, the church will be sending them a collective gift. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please make an offering and designate it to the Benevolent Fund. Offerings to the Benevolent Fund received last Sunday and **this Sunday (8/12)** will be sent to Tom and Candice as a collective gift from the church with a card expressing our love and care.

Prayer List: **Next Sunday, August 19**, the prayer list will be cleared. If you would like any current requests to remain on the prayer list, please email Jonathan and indicate which requests should remain.

Caritas: On the week of **August 26**, GRCC will assist St. Matthews UMC as they host a group of families with Caritas. There is particular need for dinner preparation for one night, overnight chaperones, and supplies. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex for more details on how you can lend a hand!

Hymn Sing Sundays: Hymn Sing Sunday returns to GRCC. Simply write down your favorite hymn, from the hymnal, and place it in the glass jar on the table in the narthex. We will try to sing as many of them as possible. Hymn sings will take place on the second Sunday of June, July, August, and September!!!!

Come on over!! This summer, GRCC attendees will have the opportunity to open their homes to the congregation!! We will begin with five hosts who will each invite a fifth of the congregation and a neighbor or two over to break bread together and get to know each other better. These hosts will be reaching out to you to make it known that your presence is desired and anticipated! Come out and enjoy fellowship with others. And maybe...you'll enjoy it so much, you'll want to host the next one the following month. For more information, please contact John Schuler.

Fall Schedule: Beginning on **September 9**, Sunday Schools will resume meeting at 9:45 am and worship will resume meeting at 11 am.

Special Worship: There will be a special worship service on **September 9**. Worship will begin in the Fellowship Hall, where we will prayerfully reflect on our gifts and sense of calling. Then we will gather around the Table for communion and lunch, after which folks will be invited to join a ministry team and to meet with their team for the first time to explore how they might share their gifts in the ministry of the church. Stay tuned for more details!

Brunswick Stew: The tradition continues! We are making Brunswick Stew again this fall, **Saturday, Sep. 22**, with chicken-picking after church on **Sunday, Sep. 16**. If you are able to help in any way, your assistance is greatly appreciated! There is a help and donation sign-up list in the narthex, as well as a pre-sales sign-up list...this year all orders must be in and paid for by Sunday, Sep. 16, and your name will be on each of the quarts belonging to you. Try to pick up your quarts on Sep. 22 as there is limited room to store them in the church freezer. Cost will be \$7 per quart this year. This is a great opportunity to spread the Word to others through the work of our hands.

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

Out of Office: Jonathan will be out of the office from Wednesday, August 15, through Wednesday, August 22.

Lectionary Scripture

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15-, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

CALENDAR

TODAY

Worship @ 10 am

THIS WEEK

8/18 GRCC Yard Sale Work Day @ 10 am—2pm

COMING UP

8/19 Board Meeting (after Worship)

8/25 GRCC Yard Sale @ 7:30 am—1 pm

8/26 Called Congregational Meeting (after Worship)

9/2 Elders Meeting (after Worship)

9/3 AA Labor Day Gathering @ 11 am—3 pm

9/4 Memory Care Gathering (Symphony Manor) @ 10:30 am

9/5 Choir Rehearsals Resume! @ 7

9/9 Fall Schedule Resumes

Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Special Worship: Luncheon and Ministry Team Gatherings @ 11 am

9/16 Chicken-Picking for Stew (after Worship)

Deadline for Stew orders

9/22 Brunswick Stew (times TBA)

9/29 AA Corrections Workshop in Fellowship Hall @ 7 am—6 pm

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Mary Harris, Ankie Moore, Marion Paitsel, Bubba Galbraith, Jim Harris, Ivan and Julie Round, Mollie Caiella, and Tom and Candice Nguyen.

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
Jeff Price, friend of Debbie Cook
Cherie Holberg, friend of Daniela Larew
Charlie Davis, brother-in-law of Cinda Caiella
Anne Mansini, mother of Leslie Hess
Family of Kathy Ely, friends of Amanda Carlton
Barbara Burns, friend of Amanda Carlton
Ashley Rueger-Hester, daughter of Susan Campbell
Judy Skillin, friend of Anne Waring and Teresa Campbell
Carl Jones, friend of Anne Waring and Teresa Campbell
Beth Payne, sister of Amanda Carlton
Miriam Green, grandmother of Amanda Carlton
Debbie, neighbor of Becky Ennis
Robyn Burns and family, friends of Amanda Carlton
Family and friends of Noah Hayes, friends of the Caiellas
Carol Sharp, mother of Julie Round
Lillie May Slaven, grandmother of Julie Round
Linda Albimino, sister of Debbie Cook
John Treaster, neighbor of Marc and Carrie Wingo
Susan Bovay, aunt of Carl Schluter
Joan & Doug Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden
Valerie McCarry, sister of Jeremy Borden
Vicky Hester, daughter-in-law of Susan and Cliff Campbell
David and Debbie, friends of John Schuler
Family of Jean Cook, aunt of Debbie Cook
Donnie, friend of Ivan Round
Leigh Lewis and family, friend of Amanda Carlton
Alina Marie Campbell, granddaughter of Cliff and Susan Campbell

Chancey Taylor Meleski, daughter of Whitney Burton and Danny (granddaughter of Ankie and Joe Moore)

Don Campbell, father of Cliff Campbell

Keel Family (esp. Hunter), friends of June and Bubba Galbraith

Berry Family, friends of Teresa Campbell

Donna Bell, sister-in-law of Barbara Chapman

The Allen Family, friends of Barbara Chapman

Rose Wingard, mother of Anna McFarlane

Gilda, friend of Mark and Faye Clements

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

Aug 5-11: Bosela and Brigitte Eale, Kenya

Aug 12-18: Loren McGrail, Israel/Palestine

Aug 19-25: Carmelo Alvarez, Venezuela

Aug 26-Sep 1: Nishan Bakalian, Lebanon

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

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*Together with other churches in Richmond, we pray this **August** for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of August 12, 2018: We pray for financial institutions, healthy and constructive investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

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Please also keep in your prayers the many recipients of D.D.'s Bears. The patients who recently received bears at St. Mary's Hospital are: Cynthia, Yolanda, Lillian, Rayburn, Amanda, Tre, Timothy, Logan, Jourdyn, Julio, Alessandra, Ayden, Sarah, Daleyza, Arielle, Oakley, Kathryn, Jaden, Christina, Lanham, Hannah, Katelyn, and Ms. Mayo.

***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.