



*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**



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

October 7, 2018

Ordinary Time: Proper 22

*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.

*"I am struck by how sharing our weakness and difficulties is more nourishing to others
than sharing our qualities and successes." (Jean Vanier)*

PRELUDE

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Mark Sedio

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, we are on our way to the Table:
Where children and elders sit side by side,
Where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
Where all the world is gathered.

Come, we are on our way to the Table:
Where we find God's love,
Where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
Where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Come, we are on our way to the Table:
Where we bring our hunger and find food,
Where we bring our brokenness and find healing,
Where we bring ourselves and find Christ in every face.

***OPENING HYMN 280**

"God Is Here"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

***OPENING PRAYER**

(Luke 10:25-37)

**Compassionate God,
Whose love reaches
To the ends of the earth:
Reveal to us our wounds
And give us grace
To know our neighbor
Tending us
With foreign hands;
Through Jesus Christ,
Who crossed over for us. Amen.**

ANTHEM "What Does the Lord Require" Eric Nelson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:25-37

SERMON "Whose Wound Is It Anyway?"

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 493 "We're United in Jesus" SOMOS UNO

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 (Luke 10:25-37)

OFFERTORY "Hornpipe" Samuel Wesley

*DOXOLOGY 50 "Praise God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*OFFERING BLESSING (Luke 10:25-37)

**Merciful Christ,
Receive these gifts
And our lives,
And turn them into
Your tender touch,
Caring for the wounds and weakness
Of the world.
Amen.**

CONFESSION (Luke 10:25-37)

Lord, you draw near to us
in our woundedness.

Christ, you show mercy to
us.

Lord, you made strangers
into neighbors.

**When we turn away from
the wounds of the world:**

**When we withhold
mercy from others:**

**When our hearts are ruled
by fear or distrust of the
other:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Luke 10:25-37)

THE PEACE

(Luke 10:25-37)

Through our brokenness, the peace of Christ draws us together into communion with all the world.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN 393 “One Bread, One Body” ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

(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 452** “Here I Am, Lord” HERE I AM, LORD

***BENEDICTION** (Luke 10:25-37)

**May the strange Spirit move us,
The compassionate Christ touch us,
And the embracing God gather us—**

**Until all the world
Shares the feast of our Lord. Amen.**

POSTLUDE “Agincourt Hymn” Charles Callahan

***Please stand if able.**

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

Acknowledgments: Call to Worship adapted from Thom Shuman, “Call to Worship: World Communion Sunday,” <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/09/call-to-worship-prayer-world-communion.html>; Opening Prayer adapted from Steven Shakespeare, *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (New York: Church Publishing, 2009), ebook loc. 537.

Scheduled to serve today:

Pastor	Jonathan Kruschwitz
Director of Music.....	Jack Fox
Intern	Emily Croxford
Lay Leader	Amanda and Garrett Carlton
Elders	Teresa Campbell and Gracie Tingle
Deacons	Ivan Round, Garrett Carlton
.....	Chris Carlton, and Holly McGinnis
Acolytes	Garrett and Corinne Carlton
Children’s Message	Amanda Carlton
Nursery	Darrah Davis & John Malla

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!*

Communion is celebrated each Sunday.

GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Thank You: The August Yard Sale raised over \$4200 for our church! Thanks to a large number of donations, it was the biggest yard sale we have ever had. “Yard Salers” were lined up on the sidewalk just before the doors opened. There was not an empty parking space and even some cars parked along the edges of the parking lot. I want to thank each person who contributed to making this sale a success. People who donated items, got their friends to donate items, priced, cleaned, packed, unpacked, hung clothes and signs, and organized the displays. People who tallied the purchases, collected money, got their friends to work, and packed up the left overs. People who bought and sold. Many treasures found new homes that day. Our homeless ministry benefited with some of the left over clothes. Church World Service is going to receive chairs and a baby bassinet. And our good partners at Salvation Army picked up everything else. Thank you to all who made this yard sale a success!

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.

Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering 2018: **Today**, the church will collect a special offering for the Disciples’ Reconciliation Ministry. Gifts to the Reconciliation Ministry contribute to faith-based projects across the nation that promote a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church. For more information, please see www.reconciliationministry.org.

L’Arche Gold Chicken Players: L’Arche Metro Richmond’s Gold Chicken Players present their annual variety show this year on October 27 at 2 pm at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. This year’s show, *This Is Me!*, will feature over 70 performers of all abilities, singing, dancing, playing music, telling jokes, and sharing a magical evening. Tickets \$10 now (goldchickentickets.eventbrite.com), \$12 at the door.

Bites, Brews, and Big Questions: If Jesus went missing, where would you look for him? According to the gospels, tables with food and drink and questions would be a good place to start. Join us this **October** as we gather weekly around tables with food, drink, and questions. We will begin meeting on Monday, October 15. Location has yet to be determined—stay tuned!

In this BBQ installment, we will discuss a recurring question from our summer series: Just what is God’s job description? As a guide for our conversation, we will be using James Bryan Smith’s *The Good and Beautiful God*. (If you’d like to purchase the book, you can do so *and* support GRCC at the same time! Please use this Amazon link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1241622>. Reading the book alongside the gatherings may enrich your experience, but it is not necessary.)

“The Bias of the Bible?”: “I have a problem with the Bible...I’m an ancient Egyptian, a comfortable Babylonian, a Roman in his villa. See, I’m trying to read the Bible for all it’s worth, but I’m not a Hebrew slave suffering in Egypt. I’m not a conquered Judean deported to Babylon. I’m not a first century Jew living under Roman occupation. I’m a citizen of a superpower. I was born among conquerors. I live in the empire. But I want to read the Bible and think it’s talking to me. This is a problem.” (Brian Zahnd)

For the next few weeks, we will diverge from our normal lectionary readings for this five-week series of scripture readings and sermons that wrestle with the problem of reading the Bible from above rather than below.

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.

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. As Gayton Road is a church that celebrates the diversity of the body of Christ and welcomes each voice to the congregation, 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.

Lectionary Scripture

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

CALENDAR

TODAY

Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11 am
District VII Annual Assembly @ 4 pm

THIS WEEK

10/8 Youth Apple-picking Outing @ 8 am
10/10 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

COMING UP

10/14 Elders Meeting (after Worship)
10/15 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions Returns @ 6 pm (Location TBD)
10/17 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
10/22 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
10/24 Girl Scouts @ 6:00-7:30
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
10/27 L'Arche's Gold Chicken Players Presents *This Is Me!* @ 2 pm (Mount Vernon Baptist Church)
10/29 Bites, Brews, and Big Questions @ 6 pm
10/31 Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Mollie Caiella, Tom and Candice Nguyen, Debbie Derr, **Stuart Wilkinson, and Ivan and Julie Round.**

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 Paitself.

Friends of GRCC:

Carol Sharp, mother of Julie Round

Lillie May Slaven, grandmother of Julie Round

Joan & Doug Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden

Valerie McCarry, sister of Jeremy Borden

Don Campbell, father of Cliff Campbell

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

Donna Bell, sister-in-law of Barbara Chapman

The Allen Family, friends of Barbara Chapman

Cherie Holberg and Abby, friends of Daniela

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Ken and Liz Carpenter and family, friends of Anne Waring

Joe Butler, father of Carrie Wingo

Andy Hrabovsky, friend of the Wingo family

Linda Albimino, sister of Debbie Cook

Dale Garrett, cousin of Debbie Cook

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

Oct 1-6: Robert Breckenridge, Zambia

Oct 7-13: Jerri Handy, Mexico

Oct 14-20: Paul Turner, Democratic Republic of Congo

Oct 21-27: Marilyn Cooper, Ecuador

Oct 28-Nov 3: John Campbell-Nelson, Indonesia

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

For the week of October 7, 2018: We pray for all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

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**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.