



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 21, 2019  
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**

"Berceuse"

Louis Vierne

*During the prelude you are invited to the prayer table in the back of the sanctuary, where you may write your prayer concerns/joys. These will be lifted up during the Prayer of the People.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Mark 16:1-8)

At the tomb, the women heard the news:

**This is not the end.**

Early in the morning, they heard the news:

**This is not the end.**

On the first day of the week, they heard the news:

**This is not the end.**

"He has been raised!" "He is not here!"

"He is going ahead of you!" "There you will see him!"

Friends, Christ is alive! Christ is with us!

**Let us seek the living Christ! He is with us—hallelujah!**

**\*OPENING HYMN 216**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

(Mark 16:1-8)

**Living Lord,**

**Whose love is stronger than the tomb.**

**We praise you for the open gospel**

**Which ends where our Easter faith begins;**

**Accept our fear and our disbelief,**

**And take us into this new world**

**Led by the risen Son.**

**Through Jesus Christ,**

**Whose love is stronger than death: Amen.**

ANTHEM "King Ever Glorious" John Stainer

Rob Leffler, Soloist

SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-8

SERMON "This Is Not the End"

**\*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 (Mark 16:1-8)

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

**\*DOXOLOGY 50** "Praise God" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*OFFERING BLESSING** (Mark 16:1-8)

**Christ of the cross  
And the empty tomb:  
Fill these gifts  
And our lives  
With your love,  
That the needful  
Might know  
Your resurrection.  
Amen.**

CONFESSION (Mark 16:1-8)

Lord, you ask for faith and  
trust.

Christ, you send us into the  
world with good news.

Lord, your love is stronger  
than death.

**When we demand  
proof and certainty:**

**When we linger  
in comfortable despair:**

**When we do not follow you  
out of the empty tomb:**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### THE PEACE

(Mark 16:1-8)

The peace of Christ endures to the end, and beyond.

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” EUCHARIST 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. 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

#### AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

William Trafka

### COMMUNION

**\*CLOSING HYMN 234** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

**\*EASTER COMMISSIONING**

(Mark 16:1-8)

Friends, hear again the good news:

Do not be alarmed.

You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has been raised! He is not here!

Go into the world. There you will see him!

**Let us go! Christ is with us. The kingdom of God is at hand.**

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Jacques Lemmens

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**\*Please stand if able.**

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

**Scheduled to serve today:**

Preacher .....Jonathan Kruschwitz  
Director of Music..... Jack Fox  
Lay Leader ..... Ivan Round  
Children’s Message ..... Virginia Taylor  
Elders .....Gracie Tingle and Teresa Campbell  
Deacons ..... Carol Malla, Audrey Schuler  
..... Jeff Wilber, Debbie Derr  
Acolytes ..... Garrett and Corinne Carlton  
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 worshiping with us today!*

**Communion** is celebrated each Sunday.

**A special thank you** to Nancy Patterson for designing the cover to this bulletin.

**Thank you** to all who brought Easter flowers. They are given in honor and memory of our loved ones, whose names are listed on the recognition sheets in the narthex.

**GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES**

**Easter Offering:** Today, **April 21**, 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.

**Linger Longer (Birthday Bash):** After worship on **April 28**, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a small piece of cake, a quick birthday singalong, and a time of celebration for **April’s** babies! This birthday-theme Linger Longer will happen the last Sunday of each month in 2019.

**Picture-Your-Pet Wall 2019:** We are all God’s creatures, humans and pets alike! This **April**, anyone whose last name begins with F or G is invited to share their pet pictures with Teresa. These will then be shared on a display in the Fellowship Hall! (Anyone whose last name begins with H or I, start gathering your photos. Your turn will be in May!)

**Lectionary Scripture**

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118;1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

### Easter Sunday

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

## THIS WEEK

4/24

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

## COMING UP

4/28

Linger Longer: Birthday Bash (after worship)

4/29

BBBQ @ 6:30 pm (Ricos; 2316 John Rolfe Pkwy.)

5/1

Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

5/5

Ministry Team Sharing (in worship)

5/7

Symphony Manor Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am

5/8

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm

*NOTE: Please note that BBBQ has been cancelled on April 22. It resumes April 29.*

## LOOKING AHEAD

8/3

Yard Sale Prep Begins

8/24

Yard Sale @ 8 am—12 pm

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

**Our GRCC family:** Mollie Caiella, Stuart Wilkinson, Ivan and Julie Round, Marion Paitzel, Ben Croxford, Candice Nguyen, Jeremy Borden, Ankie Moore, Jeff Wilber, James Fiorello and family, Darrah Davis, Jim Caiella, and Becky Ennis.

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

### Friends of GRCC:

Carol Sharp, mother of Julie Round

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

Ken and Liz Carpenter and family, friends of Anne Waring

Kathleen McGinnis, mother of Rob McGinnis

Family of Cherie Holberg, friends of Daniela Larew

Jerry Galbreath, brother-in-law of Virginia Taylor

Drudy Carlton, sister of Paul Carlton

Doug Cramer, friend of Jeff Wilber

Terri Kenner, daughter of June and Bubba Galbraith

David Ninesling, step-brother of Jeff Wilber

Family and friends of Oscar Silvay, friend of John Malla

Sandy Roy—friend of the Wingos

Wendy Evans—friend of the Wingos

Family and Friends of Leila Hanna, godmother of Anna McFarlane

Lisa Clements, sister-in-law of Mark Clements

Lillie May Slaven, grandmother of Julie Round

Doug & Joan Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden

Linda Grubbs, cousin of David Campbell

Layne Hembree, son of Kathy Habib's cousin

Nathan McCarry and Family, brother-in-law of Jeremy Borden

Brenda Clements, mother of Mark Clements

Julie Gugliotta, family of Kathy Habib

Family of Donna Jean, neighbor of Wingos

Will Rhodes, friend of Wingos

Mike Lecik, family of Chris Carlton

Laura Kinum, niece of Susan Young

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

Apr 7: Anne Gregory, Thailand

Apr 14: Elena Huegel, Mexico

Apr 21: Sara Makari, Israel/Palestine

Apr 28: Bosela Eale, Kenya

*For more information and weekly prayers for these specific areas please visit [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)*

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

*For the week of April 21, 2019: We pray for a spirit of hope, of possibility, of eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings new life out of death to people and communities.*

*([www.metroprayrva.org](http://www.metroprayrva.org))*

Please also keep in your prayers the many recipients of D.D.'s Bears. The patients who recently received bears (and friends) at St. Mary's Hospitals are: Stella, Jillian, Journei, Jackson Ty, Austin, James, Margie, Linda, Arminta, Rose, Tammy, Nellie, Betty, Pamela, Emily, Patricia, Nilo, Jason, Josie, William, Satchel, Luke, Deandre, Savannah, Tula, Blakely, Logan, Gage, Avery, Stephen, Natsu, Thiago, Kwanita, and Amelia.

**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.