



*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 25, 2019
Ordinary Time: Proper 16*



*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.

PRELUDE

“This Is My Father’s World” arr. Smith/Hustad
Carol Malla and Jack Fox

OPENING

Companion on the way,
Stranger in our midst,
Breaker of bread:
**Come be with us,
Jesus Christ.**

Sharer of stories,
Interpreter of words,
Listener in silence:
**Come be with us,
Jesus Christ.**

Revealer of truth,
Fire in our heart,
Word of life:
**Come be with us,
Jesus Christ.**

Friends, we are not alone:
The Lord is here.
Christ is with us. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN 231 “Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”** HOLY MANNA

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Christ of the common table,
Lord of life-giving story:
Walk with us
On the shadowed road;
Bless the broken fragments
Of our lives;
And burn bright with hope
Inside our hearts. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

The cares of our hearts,
The needs of your church,
The wounds of the world:
We entrust to you, O God.

For the hope that lifts us,
The joy that renews us,
The love that gives us life:
We give you thanks, O God.

*Here the people may add particular
intercessions or thanksgivings.*

With all our lives and all our holy
longings,
**We praise you and trust your love for
us,
O Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-
maker.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)



THE WORD

Eternal God, in the reading of scripture,
May your word be heard.
In the meditations of our hearts,
May your word be known.
In the faithfulness of our lives,
May your word be shown.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:6-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

At this time, children through 2nd grade are invited to depart for Worship & Wonder.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

MEDITATION

“A Simple Way”

OFFERTORY

Carol Malla

THE TABLE

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God and to one another in one body on the cross.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE ELDERS

COMMUNION

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.”

*CLOSING HYMN 668 “For the Healing of the Nations” CWM RHONDDA

*CLOSING RESPONSE (Luke 12:31)

Together we seek the kingdom of God.
All else will be provided. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Psalm 19”

Benedetto Marcello

*Please stand if able.

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

Scheduled to serve today:

PreacherJonathan Kruschwitz
 Director of Music..... Jack Fox
 Lay Leader Carl Schluter
 Elders Mark Clements and Carl Schluter
 Deacons Jeff Wilber, Alex Schuler,
Seth Spivey, and Peggy Wingo
 Children’s MessageJonathan Kruschwitz
 Worship & Wonder..... Cinda Caiella
 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!*

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

We welcome Josephine Carlton to the world and to the Gayton Road church family! We share our joy and our prayers for the Carltons’ baby girl.

Sunday Sojourn Thank you: Thank you to all who contributed toward and participated in last Sunday’s sojourn to the Coliseum! Countless hours went into negotiating food purchases, washing fruit, packing and unpacking, and more—and the result was a blessing. In our gathering with Rhonda and her friends, we saw the body of the wounded Christ. In the breaking of bread, we celebrated our part in that same body and shared the love that raises us all to new life.

Linger Longer (Birthday Bash): After worship **today**, all are invited to linger a bit longer in the narthex for a small piece of cake, a quick birthday singalong, and a time of celebration for **August’s** babies! This birthday-themed Linger Longer will happen (usually) the last Sunday of each month in 2019.

Picture-Your-Pet Wall 2019: We are all God’s creatures, humans and pets alike! This **August**, anyone whose last name begins with M or N 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 O or P, start gathering your photos. Your turn will be in September!)

Blessing Warriors Partnership: We are gathering items for Rhonda Sneed and her Blessing Warriors as they minister to the hungry and homeless in our community. Please take an index card from the narthex with the items needed. Donated items may be dropped off in the narthex.

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.

Yard Sale: Our next yard sale will be on **September 7**. We are now receiving donations in the Fellowship Hall. If you are able to organize and price yard sale items, please see the calendar for scheduled yard sale preparation days. Additionally, we need paper and plastic grocery store bags, plus newspaper and small to medium size boxes. Please bring those you can spare to church for the yard sale. Thank you!

District Assembly: Sunday, Oct. 6, 4:00-6:30 pm at Seventh Street Christian Church
Gathering Time: 4:00-4:30 (there may be an activity in this time)
Dinner: 6:00
Theme: "Living Out Our Faith in Tangible Ways"
The District plans to assemble Church World Service Hygiene Kits (the goal is 20) during the worship service. Gayton Road will be bringing 20 bath-size bar soaps in original packaging. Please make donations of bar soap in the designated basket in the narthex.

Lectionary Scripture

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

CALENDAR

TODAY

Congregational Business: Vote on Vacancies (immediately before worship)
Worship @ 10 am

COMING UP

9/1 Elders Meeting (immediately after worship)
9/2 AA Labor Day Family Picnic
9/3 Symphony Manor Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am
9/4 Choir Practice Resumes @ 7 pm
9/7 Yard Sale @ 8 am—12 pm
9/7—9/14 Yard Sale Clean Up

9/8 *Return to School Year Schedule*
Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11:00 am
9/11 Choir Practice @ 7 pm
9/18 Choir Practice @ 7 pm
9/19 Brookdale West Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am

LOOKING AHEAD

10/25 L'Arche Fall Dance @ Evening (Fellowship Hall)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Gracie Tingle, Marion Paitsel, Dolores Cadet, **Diann Borden**.

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

Friends of GRCC:

Beth Payne, sister of Amanda Carlton
Lacey Fletcher, friend of Amanda Carlton
Isobelle Johns, mother of Chris Carlton
Regina Jones and Family—friends of Cody Gallagher
Bart Marparell, friend of June and Bubba Galbraith
Jill Bowersett, friend of Debbie Cook
Delilah Jackson, friend of Kathy Habib
Marilyn Schluter, sister of Carl Schluter
Carol Ninesling, mother of Jeff Wilber
Doug and Joan Borden, parents of Jeremy Borden
Helen Payne, aunt of Peggy Wingo
The Keel family, friends of June and Bubba Galbraith
Terri Kenner, daughter of June and Bubba Galbraith
Family and friends of Donnie Petrie, Jr., friend of Ivan Round
Jeff Presseau, friend of Anne Waring

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

August 4: Jeffrey Mensendiek, Japan
August 11: Ricardo Mayol, Guatemala
August 18: Rosie McArdle, Micronesia
August 25: Violeta Rocha, El Salvador

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 August**, we pray for the workplaces and businesses of metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of August 25, 2019: We pray for full employment opportunities for our young people and heads of families, for the long-term unemployed, and for the under-employed.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

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Please also keep in your prayers these persons who requested prayer at our Sunday Sojourn at the Coliseum (on August 11): Alberto, Fred, Diana, Jenny, Jimmy, and Gus.

**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.