



*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**

*September 8, 2019
Ordinary Time: Proper 18*



*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

“Eintritt”

Robert Schumann

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From the rising of the sun to its setting in the west,

God's holy name be praised.

On the lips of children, in the babbling of babies,

God's holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

God's holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

God's holy name be praised.

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

Amen. We praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN 276**

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

***OPENING PRAYER**

Christ our brother,

In you there is neither Jew nor Gentile,

Neither male nor female:

Join our hands and our hearts

With all who seek

Love and life,

That together we might share

Your holy communion.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

The cares of our hearts,
The needs of our 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,
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

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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

Matthew 12:46-50

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 1:1-9

MEDITATION

“Everyone Draws Near”

OFFERTORY

“Prayer and Despair” Gurdjieff/DeHartmann

*DOXOLOGY 50

“Praise God”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 444** "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace" A LA PUERTA

***CLOSING RESPONSE** (Luke 12:31)

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Abschied"

Robert Schumann

*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 *A Wee Worship Book: Fourth Incarnation* (Glasgow: Wild Goose, 1999), 36.

Prayer of the People adapted from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons* (NY: Church Pub., 2014), 153-154.

Prayer of Illumination adapted from *Chalice Worship* (eds. Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison: St. Louis: Chalice, 1997), 384

Scheduled to serve today:

PreacherJonathan Kruschwitz
 Accompanist..... Dan Fortuna
 Lay Leader Ivan Round
 Elders Becky Ennis, Anna McFarlane
 Deacons Bill Malla, Carol Malla
 Kathy Habib, Radek Larew
 Children’s Message Seth Spivey
 Worship & Wonder.....
 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!*

Today we especially welcome Dan Fortuna back to the organ and piano! Thank you Dan for sharing your beautiful music with us.

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GRCC NEWS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITES

Yard Sale: Our fall yard sale was a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who donated items, shopped, priced, organized and worked the sale. This wouldn’t be possible without the tremendous leadership of Debbie Cook and Nancy Patterson.

“Bringing folks together, enriching the community, and sustaining the life of the church.”

Linger Longer (Birthday Bash): After worship on **September 29**, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a small piece of cake, a quick birthday singalong, and a time of celebration for **September’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 **September**, anyone whose last name begins with O or P 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 Q or R, start gathering your photos. Your turn will be in October!)

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.

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 18:1-11

Psalms 98:1-5

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

John 3:13-17

CALENDAR

TODAY

Return to School Year Schedule
Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship @ 11 am
Yard Sale Clean Up

THIS WEEK

9/8—9/16 Yard Sale Clean Up
9/11 Choir Practice @ 7 pm

COMING UP

9/18 Choir Practice @ 7 pm
9/19 Brookdale West Memory Care Gathering @ 10:30 am

LOOKING AHEAD

10/6 District Assembly @ 4:00—6:30 pm Seventh Street Christian Church
10/25 L'Arche Fall Dance @ 6:30—9:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER...

Our GRCC family: Marion Paitsel, Dolores Cadet, Diann Borden, **Barbara Chapman.**

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:

Regina Jones and Family—friends of Cody Gallagher

Bart Marporell, friend of June and Bubba Galbraith

Jill Bowersett, friend of Debbie Cook

Delilah Jackson, friend of Kathy Habib

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

September 1: Danielle Murry-Knowles, Lesotho

September 8: Niko Sopepa, Fiji

September 15: Fiona Kendall, Italy

September 22: Judy Chan, Hong Kong

September 29: Ignacio Salinas, Nicaragua

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

*Together with other churches in Richmond **this September**, we pray for the Schools and Educational Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond.*

For the week of September 8, 2019: We pray for all public, private and religious schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

(www.metroprayrva.org)

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.