

Ashland Christian Church

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

"IT IS A QUESTION OF A FAIR BALANCE BETWEEN
YOUR PRESENT ABUNDANCE AND OTHER'S NEED"
2 CORINTHIANS 8:13, 14

Sunday, June 13, 2021

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

- **Welcome to Ashland Christian Church Live Stream & In-Person Worship~** We give thanks you are worshipping with us today! If you are worshipping online please share the link to worship with others, give the service a thumbs up & leave a message in the comment section so we know you are here!
- **Special Music for Summer~** Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you know someone who does? We would love to hear you share your talents during Sunday worship over the summer while the choir is on hiatus! Please e-mail Stacey Wilson at stacey@ashlandchristianchurchva.org to volunteer yourself or to recommend someone else!
- **ACC Re-Opening~** The ACC Board met June 1, 2021 and decided to move toward fully opening the church. *The Board respectfully asks that any person not vaccinated please wear a mask.* This is to ensure the safety of our children and at-risk adults who cannot be vaccinated. Worship & Wonder, SoWhat & the nursery will be opened at a later date allowing Christian Education to plan and prepare for our children's safe return.
- **Congregational Vote~** There will be a Congregational Vote TODAY following worship.
- **DMF Giving~** DMF Day of Giving is coming up on June 24th! Disciples Mission Fund supports church camps, regional ministries, Worship & Wonder, provides scholarships for college and seminary and so much more. Give easily and safely [ONLINE](#).
- **Birthdays~** June 15-Ethan Lynne, Kylie Stockwell & Richard Shelton.

B o a r d , E l d e r & D e a c o n N o m i n a t i o n s

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*This slate of nominations was approved by the ACC Board at the May Board Meeting
and is being presented to the congregation for a vote June 13 after worship.*

B O A R D

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Board (2023)~ Ethan Lynne

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Board (2024)~ Agnes Petrie

Board (2024)~ Kathie Wilkins

Board (2024)~ Regina Long

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Audriana Cecil

Morgan Moyer

Madeline Henderson

E L D E R

Harold Rohrs



O r d e r o f W o r s h i p

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Trudy Betts

Prelude

Organist, Dr. Harold Rohrs

"Meditation" -- J.G. Barr

Call to Worship

Shannon Stockwell

One: In a world that teaches us to fear,

Many: We will listen to Jesus' words, "Don't be afraid!"

One: In a world that wants us to hate the other...

Many: We will live Jesus' call to, "Love God and love our neighbor."

One: In a world that seeks to oppress and silence some...

Many: We will seek justice and speak out for the voiceless just as Jesus did.

One: In a world that radicalizes vengeance and hatred...

Many: We, too, will be radical. Radical with our hospitality. Radical with our hope.

Radical with our love.

One: We have come to this place, ready to be who we are called to be.

Many: We are here together to renew our call and worship God.

*Gathering Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"— Chalice Hymnal #86

***Invocation & Lord's Prayer**

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. AMEN*

Responsive Psalm Reading

Shannon Stockwell

Psalm 146

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Many: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in rulers, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Many: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Israel,

Many: whose hope is in the Lord their God,

One: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

Many: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

Many: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

One: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow, but brings to ruin the way of the wicked.

Many: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Trudy Betts

✠ **Prayers for Loved Ones:** Judy Jones will have a heart bypass on June 17. Pray for Judy's strengthening as she prepares for this procedure; Billy Weinstock who has been diagnosed with bone cancer and the difficult prognosis of just 2 months. Pray also for his wife, Gina, who is caring for him at

home with the help of Hospice; Madeline Anderson, Trudy Betts' ninety year old aunt, who fell and broke her hip, and is recovering from surgery; The family & friends of Patricia Richert who passed away early Wednesday morning.

✝️ **Prayers for God's World:** Prayers for healing for the division in our nation; All who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and their loved ones who mourn; our Asian sisters and brothers who are enduring violence and persecution; the victims and loved ones of the shooting at the San Jose Rail Yard; our sisters and brothers in India as the numbers of CoVid-19 continue to rise and the medical system is struggling to keep up; the fighting in Gaza and the tremendous loss of life.

✝️ ✝️ **Continued Prayers for Loved Ones:** Please hold Amber Birch, Sammy Martin and Bridget Bahr in constant prayer as they have been in a very serious accident and each have serious injuries. Amber is a new mother to baby girl, Presley, who is being cared for by Amber's parent, Chuck and Connie. Bridgette has two young daughters; Jacqui Herron heart ablation procedure went well.

✝️ ✝️ ✝️ Tracy & Willy Blais (Tracy is Carroll LaHaye's sister); Jimmy Smith; Geoffrey Weeks; Kathryn Hull; Ferdinand Moyet for some health issues (nephew of Carroll LaHaye); Manny Fundora (Devin Curry); Maryanne Turner (Trudy Betts' aunt); Walter Baughan; Lindsey Pinkelman (Carroll LaHaye); Hannah Moore, Luke Moore & Sue Schmied (Pat Moore); Tallu Schuyler Quinn (Trudy Betts); Phyllis Terrell; Maureen and Richmond Jones, (parents of Kimberly Gryder), Liam Gryder; Betsy Hulick Pinder, her husband Tim and their two children (Melissa Leecy); Faye Mitchell; Dick Leecy (Melissa Leecy's father); Nancy Munden; Shoshana Malka Green, Barry & Miriam Green's niece, who is ill; Tristan Spangler Dunning & his parents Bill & Amy; Joy Jahn (Friend of Devin Curry in need of major surgeries); Sue Pallett (Donna Grant's Mother who is having major issues with her eyesight); Joe Long (Broken bone in foot).

*The names of those we pray for will be listed in the bulletin for three weeks.
Please contact the church office to remain on the prayer list indefinitely.*

Hymn of Response

ACC Bell Choir

"Come Thou Almighty King"

Scripture Reading

Rev. Trudy Betts

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

8 I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the generous act[c] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 10 And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— 11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. 12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15 As it is written,

*“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”*

One: The inspired stories of God for the people of God.

Many: Praise be to God.

Song of Response

ACC Choir

“Sanctuary”—John Thompson & Randy Scruggs. Arr. Lloyd Larson

Homily

Rev. Trudy Betts

“Balanced & Fair”

A Time of Giving

Rev. Trudy Betts

To give online to [Ashland Christian Church](#); You can also give online to our [Virginia Regional Church](#), which provides pastoral care for Virginia ministers and

congregational leaders as well as much needed resources for our congregations thriving especially during this difficult time. Links to give online to these important ministries [Feed More](#), [ACES](#), [Week of Compassion](#) and [Hanover Habitat for Humanity](#).

Hymn of Giving

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" —Chalice Hymnal #382 v 1

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

Blessing of the Gifts

Rev. Trudy Betts

Celebration of the Lord's Table

Rev. Trudy Betts

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

Communion Hymn

"The Voice of Jesus Calls His People" —Chalice Hymnal #426

Communion Meditation

Rev. Trudy Betts

Prayer for the Bread

One: On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and after he blessed it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said,

All: "This is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me."

Partake of the bread.

Prayer for the Cup

One: Likewise, after supper Jesus took the cup and said,

All: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you; this do in remembrance of me. "

Partake of the cup.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Trudy Betts

Hymn of Invitation

"For the Fruit of All Creation" —Chalice Hymnal #714

*If anyone desires to identify with Christ through confession of faith or transfer of membership to
Ashland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), or have dual membership,
please come forward during the first verse of the final hymn.*

Benediction

Rev. Trudy Betts

One: Go into the world unafraid to proclaim your love for God and justice for your neighbor.

Many: We go to radically share the hope and love of God with our neighbors.

Postlude

Organist, Dr. Harold Rohrs

"With Praises All Unite!" -- J.P. Sweelinck/arr G. Edwards