



ASHLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)

*We are Disciples of Christ,  
a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.  
We welcome all to the table as Christ has welcomed us,*

## **Order of Worship**

August 18, 2024

**Welcome & Announcements**

Elder

**Prelude**

Organist, Margie Heath

“Footsteps of Jesus”- Broughton

### **\*Call to Worship**

Elder

Leader: We will praise you, Lord, as we gather before you with varied thoughts and purposes.

**People: Some of us are impatient, and we seek immediate results to our prayers.**

Leader: Some of us are doubtful, and we seek further proof of your spiritual power.

**People: Some of us are too busy, and we fail to take time to listen for you to speak to us.**

Leader: Some of us are disobedient, and we fail to follow in the way of discipleship.

**All: With all our varied backgrounds, we come into your presence; unite us in our worship and in a common sense of devotion to you.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### **\*Gathering Hymn**

Chalice Hymnal #227

“In the Garden”

### **\* Invocation & Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

Rev. Bob Brooks

We are in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Father, we declare that we love you. Thank you for making the way of love known through your son, Jesus Christ. We pray that you will reveal this great love to us all today as we gather to worship. Lead us by your Spirit to praise you. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving, and our mouths proclaim your everlasting greatness. In the wonderful name of Jesus, we pray the prayer he taught us...Our Father

**\*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 shall ever be, world without end. AMEN.”

**Moments in Mission**

“Full Circle Grief Center”

Shannon Temple

**Morning Prayer**

Rev. Bob Brooks

**Scripture Reading**

“Philippians 4: 6-7” (page 198- NT)

Rev. Bob Brooks

Leader: This is the word of God for us, God’s people.

**People: Praise be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Wrestling With Our Doubts Part 7: -Does Garth Brooks Say It Well?”

Rev. Bob Brooks

**Sharing the Tithes & Gifts**

Rev. Bob Brooks

**Offertory Hymn**

“A Song of Peace”- Hegarty

Organist, Margie Heath

**\*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. Bob Brooks

**Celebration of the Lord’s Table**

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

**Communion Hymn**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Chalice Hymnal #214

**Communion Meditation**

Rev. Bob Brooks

**Prayer for the Bread**

Please hold the Bread as we will partake together. The sealed wafers with the red cross are gluten-free.

Elder, Sandra Smith

Leader: 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,

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

**Prayer for the Cup**

Elder, Jimmy Smith

Please hold the cup as we will partake together

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

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Bob Brooks

**\*Hymn of Invitation**

Chalice Hymnal #543

“Blessed Assurance”

*(During the Hymn, you are invited to respond to God's call in your life by dedicating or rededicating your life to Jesus Christ or transferring your membership to this congregation. If you so desire, please come forward during the hymn.)*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Bob Brooks

### **Announcements:**

#### **Memorial Garden Plaques**

If you are interested in ordering a plaque for the Memorial Garden, please complete a form and return it with your \$250 to the office or place in the offering tray on Sunday. Forms can be picked up in the Narthex or from the Administrative Office. Last day to order will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please see Carroll LaHaye.

#### **Teams Meeting- Potluck**

On Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship, there will be a “Teams” potluck dinner. BBQ will be provided by the Elders, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The purpose of this dinner/meeting is for the teams to meet and select their new team leaders and review their responsibilities for the upcoming church year. The responsibilities remain the same as last year.

#### **Pastor on Vacation**

Bob will be on vacation from August 22<sup>nd</sup>-September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let the Board Chair, Scott Jones, or Administrative Assistant, Kara Murray, know of any concerns or ministry needs during this time. The Supply Pulpit will be filled by Kathryn Hull and Shannon Temple.

#### **Prayer Concerns**

Prayer Scripture: “Call unto Me, and I will answer you...” (Jeremiah 33: 3)

## Ongoing Prayers

Bekah DeBell      Scott Wisner      Jimmy LaHaye      John Hodges  
Scott Weiler      Charlene Richeson      Milton Leake      Floyd Moore  
Henry Watson

## Upcoming

**This Week:** Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:00am- Sunday School

11:00am- Worship Service

**Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>- Elder's Meeting- 7:00pm**

**Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>- Book Club- Casa Herradura- 6:00pm**

## Elders' Serving for Today

Sandra Smith- Bread

Jimmy Smith- Cup

**Communion Prep- TBD**

## Deacons Serving

TBD

TBD



## **Litany of Thanksgiving for “Full Circle Grief Center”**

**Leader:** Generous God, thank you for the good gifts you have given us to share with all people. Today, we offer gratitude for our partners-in-ministry at Full Circle Grief Center in Richmond.

**PEOPLE:** Thank you for this faith-based ministry that provides professional bereavement support to children, families, adults and communities in Central Virginia.

**Leader:** Thank you for the professionals and volunteers who offer support and services to empower the local community to grieve in a healthy way.

**UNISON:** Lord, hear this prayer and guide our congregation to continue caring and giving in the Name of the One who gave all. Amen.



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