

**HYATTSTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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May 21, 2023 Ascension Sunday (Year A)



PRELUDE : Matt Dohm

ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

MISSION STATEMENT

OPENING PRAYER Rev. Banks

***HYMN:** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" #575 v1,3

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 Liturgist

***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. Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14 Liturgist

***GOSPEL READING:** John 17:1-11 Liturgist
This is the Word of Our Lord: . . . **Thanks Be To God**

HYMN: "Be Still, My Soul" #566 v1
Be still, my soul; for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Trust in your God, your savior and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

SERMON: Rev. Banks
"Ascension Sunday" John 17:1-11

PRAYER CONCERNS Elder

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Banks

The Eucharist – the Giving and Receiving of Gifts

INVITATION AND RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS Elder

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** Elder

COMMUNION HYMN: "Come to the Table of Grace"

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
(Second verse use 'Love')

We practice an Open Table!

All who believe are welcome to share the sacrament!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Rev. Banks

WORDS OF INSTITUTION #389

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Elder

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD & THE CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) Elder

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done – on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN:** "Be thou My Vision" #595 v1,4

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION: Rev. Banks

POSTLUDE: Matt Dohm

Sharing in the spirit of fellowship (on Zoom) All

SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS:

May 21, 2023 Capital Area Disciples Women – cccadisciples.org/disciples-women

Rene Seidel, El Salvador

May 14, 2023 Miranda reported that her father is home recovering. Debbie Flook offered a joy at the dinner several of the church members were able to attend and also a joy for sister Diane’s news that both the brain and bone scans are ‘clean’. Barb asked continued prayers for brother Gary who is in a nursing home in Texas and his wife Mary – his recovery is a slow process. Beth said that Lucas Ray’s mom is now in hospice care. Debbie Blair prays that Ben’s job interview of Monday will lead to a job offer for him. Monica said she had a good trip to NY to visit her daughter and that her dental work is proceeding. Good to see Justine here.

May 07, 2023 Miranda asked prayers for her dad, who is recovering in the hospital. Joyce is glad to have seen black squirrels again in her yard this spring. Chris is glad to be here and to see John doing so well after hip surgery. Today is Eddie’s birthday – the Flooks are home celebrating.

April 30, 2023 Hugh was thankful for seeing John Wilson here after his hip surgery. Beth was thankful that Lucas starts a job on Monday. Gabby celebrates a birthday. Debbie Flook was thankful that her sister, Diana, is here today. Miranda remembers those, un-named, who have health concerns. Joyce’s friend is dealing with dental issues, as Monica has been doing.

April 23, 2023 Andrew shared his joy of now being ‘published’. Gabby’s show is coming up next month. Barb asked continued prayers for brother Gary – he is being moved to a skilled nursing facility with hopes he can improve in strength to allow him to fly home. Debbie Blair reported a joy that Meghan’s first week of ‘self-employment’ is over; Andy has been with his brother this week and heading home now; Ben continues his job search; and Deb has been with friends. Monica is dealing with dental woes; a joy that her son turned 27 yesterday. Debbie Flook asks prayers for sister Diana Miller, awaiting biopsy results from mammogram.

A cure to cancer and those who are living with it: Janice Seaman; Dana Miller; Elaine Silver; Tammy Lynn; Mary Jodrie; Gillian Anderson; Fred Stockum; Ron Chalfant; Eddie’s sister. Also remembering Sharon Turman, David Stickerod, Hoodie Geisbert.

May Celebrations:

Birthdays: 5/7 Eddie Flook, 5/31 Gail Howard

Anniversaries: 5/13 Andy & Debbie Blair, 5/22 Harry & Pat Griffith



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

May 21, 2023

Sermon Schedule

May 21, 2023

“Ascension Sunday”

John 17:1-11

Our Web Site: HyattstownChristianChurch.org

Our Region’s Web Site: CCCADisciples.org

Feed the Hungry schedule for 2023

May 27th, June 17th, July 8th, August 12th.

Wednesday Study 7PM continues on Zoom

Board Meeting is being planned for May 30th (via Zoom)

Pride Festival – June 24, 2023

Pentecost Offering – May 21 & 28

----- Mission Statement -----

“Hyattstown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the little church with the big heart. We are an Open and Affirming welcoming group of individuals seeking to bring God’s love and service to our broader community, meeting people where they are.”

CCLI—license numbers 20917473 & 20917480

SERVING SCHEDULE

Servers	May 21, 2023	May 28, 2023	June 4, 2023
Elder:	Gail Howard	Hugh Howard	Chris Moore
Deacons:	W. Moore	S. Stickerod	B. Sweeney
Liturgist:	Miranda Barrientos	Gabrielle Johnson	Andrew Turman

Attendance for May 14, 2023 : 20 (6-zoom)

April – General Fund Collection (w/Zelle) – \$7409.09

Southside – \$2100, PDF – \$100, Feed the Hungry – \$410, Easter DMF – \$160

Northside - \$1700, Gen. Assem. training - \$85, PDF – \$100

Around the Church:

May 2023

I thought I would add this area as a way to update folks on a variety of items of interest, that you might not have heard of.

5/1/23—As we begin this month where we 'Feed the Hungry' we have a healthy balance in this account which likely will cover the four (perhaps five) times of our efforts. Thanks to all who have contributed to this mission.

5/11/23—A gathering at the American Diner in Urbana



2023 Slate of Officers

Board Chair: Jack Sweeney with support from Beth Sweeney

Board Transition Support: Debbie Blair

Board Secretary: Miranda Barrientos

Financial Secretary: Beth Sweeney

Treasurer: Ginny Wagner

Trustees/Property: Chair ~ Eddie Flook, Debbie Flook,
Hugh Howard, Walt Moore, Scott Stickerod, Chuck McIntire

Church Office Manager (Supplies/bulletins): Hugh Howard

Technology (Website, Social Media) – Debbie Blair

Honorary Board Member: Barb Dangler

Elders:

Debbie Flook

Gail Howard

Hugh Howard

Chris Moore

Ginny Wagner

Stacy Wilson

John Wilson

Deacons:

Miranda Barrientos

Joyce Clark

Eddie Flook

Gabrielle Johnson

Pierrette McIntire

Chuck McIntire

Walt Moore

Scott Stickerod

Beth Sweeney

Andrew Turman