

Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Richardson, Texas

TOTAL ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 51 | ONLINE: 21 | IN PERSON: 30

September 17, 2023 at 10:50 a.m. in person and via Facebook

An asterisk () indicates that the congregation rises in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Marla Casey–Nelson

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Andy Shelton

Ringing of the Chimes

*Opening Hymn: *Called by Faith*



Called to faith, your peo - ple gath - er, Christ Be - lov - ed, in your name.
Called to hope, your peo - ple serve you as they reach out through your grace
Called to love, your peo - ple chall - enge all that si - lenc - es your song:



Know - ing need of one an - oth - er, each face diff - 'rent, hearts the same:
Seek - ing out your mission's pur - pose, be - ing Christ in ev - 'ry place.
Pre - jud - ice and greed and mal - ice, weak ex - ploit - ed by the strong.



Grow - ing in your ho - ly like - ness, op - en, heal - ing, Spi - rit - spurred.
Work - ing for shal - om and jus - tice, learn - ing how to simp - ly share
Serv - ing Je - sus in self - giv - ing, choos - ing your will ov - er all,



Peo - ple formed for lov - ing serv - ice, fed by bread and wine and word.
So your will may be en - act - ed as we ask in dai - ly prayer.
We will tru - ly be your peo - ple, liv - ing out your heart - strong call.

text: Ellen Clark-King; music: I (from #657) Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

*Invocation

First Reading: Romans 12.9-21

Rev. Todd Simmons

*Alleluia

Aaron sings the Alleluia; the congregation repeats.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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*Gospel: Matthew 16.21–28

Rev. Shelton

*Gloria Patri

Chalice Hymnal #35

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn of Prayer: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Chalice Hymnal #305

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Hymn: *Take Up Your Cross*



1 Take up your cross, the Sa-vior said, if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spi - rit with a - larm;
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool - ish heart be still;
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave;
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;



1 take up your cross with will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 his strength shall bear your spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 the Lord for you ac - cept - ed death u - pon a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 it guides you to a - bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 for on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Offering Invitation

Sharing of Offerings, Tithes, and Pledges

*Doxology

Chalice Hymnal #46

Offering Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Chalice Hymnal #197

Words of Institution

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Rick Martin

Lord's Prayer (*using debts and debtors*)

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Shelton

Invitation

*Closing Hymn: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Chalice Hymnal #344

*Benediction

*Dismissal

One: Let us bless the Lord. Remember the poor.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

Everyone ages 6 months and older should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine.

- ✓ Protection from previous vaccination or infection weakens over time
- ✓ This vaccine is a better match to fight common variants circulating now

[Visit Vaccines.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

A graphic with a teal background. At the top, a yellow banner contains the text 'COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE' with an exclamation mark icon. Below this, the main text reads 'Everyone ages 6 months and older should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine.' followed by two bullet points with checkmarks: 'Protection from previous vaccination or infection weakens over time' and 'This vaccine is a better match to fight common variants circulating now'. The bottom of the graphic features a grid of 15 small photos of diverse people of various ages and ethnicities. At the very bottom, there is a white box with the CDC logo on the left and a blue button with the text 'Visit Vaccines.gov' on the right.