

# First CRC Worship at Home

June 21, 2020 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Prelude:**           *Take It to the Lord in Prayer*

-Aeolians of Oakwood University

**Call to Worship:** Carol W.

—Psalm 107:1-9

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those He redeemed from the hand of the foe, those He gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

When we wandered and were hungry and thirsty, we cried out to the Lord in our trouble.

**He delivered us from our distress.**

He leads us by a straight way to a secure place where we can settle.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**His love endures forever.**

## **Welcome and God's Greeting**

**Song of Praise:**                           Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### **Installation of Office Bearers**

Every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, and is equipped by the Holy Spirit to serve the Kingdom of God. In the church some are called and equipped to lead as elders and deacons. For three years Katie C. and Helen M. have served faithfully as deacons; Jennifer P. and John R. have served faithfully as elders. They have completed their terms; we thank God for their gifts; and thank them for their service! God has now called Chris B. and Gwen C. to serve as deacons; and Marcia F. and Kris V. to serve as elders.

Elders are responsible for the spiritual well-being of God's people. They oversee and provide biblical preaching and teaching, regular celebration of the sacraments, and faithful counsel and discipline. They maintain ties of relationship and communication among the members of the church; they encourage fellowship and hospitality; they promote the spread of the Gospel.

Deacons are responsible for meeting practical needs within the church and on behalf of the church. The deacons identify struggling individuals and communities. Deacons promote stewardship and hospitality, collect and disburse resources for benevolence, and develop programs of assistance. They also speak words of Christian encouragement. In word as well as deed they demonstrate the Lord's care and compassion.

Marcia, Kris, Chris and Gwen - You are called to serve the congregation with humility by: making Christ and his redemptive work known; modeling Christ's ways; speaking Christ's words; and communicating the needs of our world. We ask you to come forward and state your commitment to this calling you have received.

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

***I will.***

Will you look for Christ in others, being ready to heal and serve those in need?

***I will.***

Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

***I will.***

Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ?

***I will.***

People of God, do you receive these office bearers as Christ's gift to the church? Will you take their counsel seriously, respond to them with obedience and respect, and accept their help with thanks? Will you promise to sustain them with your prayers and support, especially when they feel the burden of their office?

**Response: *We do, God helping us.***

**Laying on of Hands:**

Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, you have poured out your Holy Spirit on Marcia, Kris, Chris and Gwen. You have given them hearts to serve and gifts to lead. Give them courage and confidence to live lives worthy of the calling they have received. Fill them with grace and power, gentleness and humility to serve your Church. Let their life and teaching so reflect the wisdom, grace and truth of Jesus Christ, that through them many may come to know you and love you.

Equip us, your people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may we all share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Song of Preparation:**                      Make Us One

**Scripture Reading:**                      Ruth 2:1-10

**Sermon:**                                      *One of the Good Ones*

**Prayer of God's People**

**Closing Praise:**                              We Will Feast in the House of Zion

**God's Blessing**