

***Doxology**

Communion

Invitation

Hymn *You Are Welcome* Chalice Praise #156, 4 times

Words of Institution, Prayer, and Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Participation in Communion

Disciples Christian Church practices open communion, meaning all are welcome at the table. You may choose communion by intinction (breaking a piece of bread from the loaf and dipping it in the chalice) or by individual bread and cup. Please come forward to partake, choosing the option most meaningful to you.

***Benediction**

***Closing Response** *Shalom to You Now* Chalice Hymnal #436, twice

Postlude *Great and Mighty Is He*
By Todd Pettygrove

A Note to Parents:

PRAY-ground: In the northeast corner of the sanctuary, we have an area rug and some quiet toys for young children. The PRAY-ground is designed for families who may not be ready to use the nursery or who prefer to keep their children in the sanctuary with them. Please use this area as you desire.



Stewards of Possibility
Matthew 18:21-35
September 17, 2017
Reverend Kelley Becker



Disciples Christian Church

Core Values

- Hospitality
- Spiritual Growth
- Justice through Service

**Please rise as you are able*

Welcome Chorus *The Spirit in Me* on screen, twice
By Jim Strathdee

Welcome

Prelude *Firm Foundation* Brenda Lewis
By Nancy Gordon and Jamie Harvill

***Call to Worship**

One: Welcome to a time of wonder
Many: a time of dreaming and hoping.
One: Welcome to a time of listening
Many: to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality.
One: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others.
Many: leading us to fully embrace open minds, open hearts, and open doors
One: Let us celebrate!

***Opening Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Chalice Hymnal #86 all

***Welcoming the Spirit**

Holy One,
Meet us here, help us see our neighbors as You see them.
Show us what it means to love others.
Forgive us when we are selfish and silent.
Teach us to love and care for all people the way you do. Amen.

Children's Moment

Prayer
Preparation *Be Still and Know* Chalice Praise#89, twice

Prayers of the People: Sharing Good News & Concerns
(After each thanksgiving or petition, the minister says:
"For _____, O Lord," and the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer.")

Prayer
Following the prayer, anyone wishing to do so is invited to
come forward and light a candle for a personal joy or concern.

Anthem *House of the Lord* Spirit Singers
By Jeff Pardo

Scripture Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon *Stewards of Possibility*

Invitation

Song *Imagine the People of God* on screens
By Mark A. Miller

Offering
Call to Give
Throughout this stewardship series, we have had the opportunity to consider how we can individually and corporately engage our core values. Today, as we reflect on hospitality, we are reminded that in our offering, we join with one another as a community which works together to share God's welcome with everyone. We cannot do everything, but we can extend love to all. We can make this a place where "All" truly means "All."

Offertory *I Sing Praises*
By Terry MacAlmon

Offertory Prayer
O God,
You invite us to participate in "over the top" hospitality.
Use this offering to share Your warm welcome with all people.
Make us joyful, generous givers.
Amen!