

Community of Christ
An Ecumenical Community
Mt. Pleasant, Washington DC

The Community of Christ is an ecumenical community founded in 1965 as an expression of the church's commitment to the city at a time when many parishes and their parishioners were abandoning their urban congregations.

Although formally affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Community of Christ reflects the various denominational viewpoints of its members and thus lives a life that is truly ecumenical. We encourage, celebrate and learn from our diverse heritages – currently including more than ten denominations – as we worship, study and serve together. In our life together, we seek to heal the divisions that exist among Christian churches. In worship, ministry, and decision-making, we are a lay-led community.

We affirm that the basic commitment that draws us together as a celebrating community is the belief that Jesus Christ is Lord. Within that commitment we are freed to live beyond ourselves in service to the world which God has created.

Central to the gospel of Jesus – and our common life – is the proclamation of justice for the poor. We believe servanthood is a basic characteristic of Christian life and seek to be faithful disciples of Christ in our individual and corporate lives by committing ourselves to work for justice and peace in our neighborhood, our city, our country and our world. As Christians, we strive to cooperate with God's work in the world in order to promote the completion of the kingdom of God.

As a community, we worship and celebrate together, living in acceptance of God's love and forgiveness, and showing love and respect to each other. In this way, we present to the world a model – however imperfect – of the ultimate community that is the kingdom of God. As individuals, we strive to contribute to the coming of the kingdom through our jobs, our family lives, and through active participation in other organizations that are devoted to meeting human needs and transforming society. As community, we support and encourage each other in these endeavors.

We affirm that the Scriptural metaphor of the church as the body of Christ demands that Christian communities be inclusive of all people and that no one be denied participation or leadership on the basis of race, class, sexual orientation, or gender.

As a community rooted in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood of Washington, DC, we affirm and are committed to a vision of our neighborhood and city as places that remain inclusive of the many peoples who live in them and believe all must have a voice in shaping a civic life together.

We meet weekly for worship on **Sunday at 10:30 am, at 3166 Mt. Pleasant Street, NW, Washington DC**. As a lay-led community, we rotate throughout the year in leading worship services.

Weekly celebration of the Eucharist is central to our life as the Community of Christ. It both expresses and enhances our unity with Christ and with each other. We invite all who join us in worship to join at the Lord's table.