



## JUNE HYMN OF THE MONTH

Our Hymn of the Month for June is "I See A Church" by William Thomas, Jr. This song is found in our Chalice Praise hymnal (#133). During our 9 am worship service in the sanctuary in June, we will begin singing this song at 8:59 am to bring us together as a community. We invite you to come from your "fellowshipping" locations and come find a seat in the sanctuary to begin our worship time as we will sing this song throughout June.

The words of this song are meaningful to our congregation, and to ALL congregations:

I see a church with a vision  
I see a church on a mission  
I see a church who has made her mind up  
And she's building her hopes on things eternal  
She's holding to God's unchanging hand  
I see a church with its doors open wide  
And the poor and the rich worship God side by side  
And the young and the old have both put down their pride  
And yes, we who seem different don't have to hide  
And there, all of God's children can sweetly abide

The songwriter, William Thomas, Jr., is a Disciples of Christ minister in California. He is a very talented pastor and musician. Rev. Thomas shares his musical abilities at every General Assembly. You may not realize it, but you know William Thomas, Jr. He is an African American actor that you just might recognize. You know him best for being Vanessa Huxtable's fiancé, Dabnis Brickey on The Cosby Show. Rev. Thomas also starred as Cool Charles on the CBS comedy-drama Frank's Place in the late 1980s and starred as Det. William Donald Potts on ABC's 1990 musical-drama [Cop Rock](#). William Thomas, Jr. also appeared on Broadway in Godspell, Your Arms Are Too Short to Box with God, and as Jacob in La Cage aux Folles. Rev. Thomas even appeared on The Bold and the Beautiful in 2005 and the movie Bruce Almighty.

William Thomas, Jr. may have been an acting star, but his music and ministry is his lasting impression. We thank God for his music that leads the church into the unknown, but we know God is with us! Rev. Thomas says this about the church he is currently serving "[here] exists a special place of equal honor for all persons of goodwill, because Christ hosts the table. We don't claim to have all the answers, but our faith journey has revealed that everyone shares a part of the Truth. We are working through the fear of the unknown, and the fear of what others think to proclaim the Love and acceptance of God."

Sources:

<http://www.littlewhitechapel.org/our-pastor.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Thomas\\_Jr.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Thomas_Jr.)

## Order of the Towel

In 1995, the idea of the Order of the Towel was introduced to the elders of Community Christian Church, and the tradition began in 1996. The elders agreed that this would be an annual honor, which would be given to an individual or couple for selfless service to the church and community. The towel symbolizes the example set by Christ when he washed his disciples' feet. We know there are many selfless servants in our congregation, who continue to follow Christ's example.

Nominations for this honor are submitted by the congregation, and after prayerful review of the nominations, the elders choose the recipient (s). This year, the Order of the Towel will be presented on July 23.

Past recipients of this award are: Georgia McGuire, Merle and Leanna Harrison, Nadine Dodson, Jim and Dorothy Harlan, Dorothy Copenhaver, Florence Morgan, Bob and Darlene Johnson, Roger Piel, Charles and Billie (Morgan) Huddleston, Ken and Jeanne Frees, Judy Crawford, Rosemarie Taylor, Tom Hamm, Bob and Marilyn Shore, Bev Eddings, Del and Joyce Schardt, Betty Gerdes, and George and Bonnie Canaday.

Nomination forms will be available in the newsletters and Sunday bulletins between now and July 2. Deadline for nominations is July 2.



All Church City Pool Party  
June 25, 2017  
5:30-7pm

## ORDER OF THE TOWEL Nomination Form

Please place the completed nomination form in the offering plate no later than Sunday, July 2. Presentation of the Order of the Towel will be made on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

Name of individual or couple:

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I nominate this individual/couple for the following reasons: (Please be specific and list as many examples as possible.)

Service to the congregation:

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Service to the community:

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