

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Noemi Mena and Steven Moore
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

We prepare for worship with the gathering music. Join in the singing of the gathering music with the choir, and please turn off all cellular phones, pagers, and watch alarms.

CALL TO WORSHIP Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

We Have Come into This House

We have come into this house and gathered in his name to worship Him;
We have come into this house and gathered in his name to worship Him;
We have come into this house and gathered in his name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let's forget about ourselves and magnify His name and worship Him;
Let's forget about ourselves and magnify His name and worship Him;
Let's forget about ourselves and magnify His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

In the Name of Jesus

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we have the victory.
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, Satan, you have to flee.
Oh, tell me who can stand before us when we call on that great name?
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, we have the victory!

Victory, oh, victory, we have the victory!
Victory, oh, victory, we have the victory!

✠OPENING HYMN No. 99
O How I Love Jesus

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena
Leader: Within the whole family of God on earth...
People: We gather as God's church, in the name of Jesus Christ, for worship, for fellowship, and for service.
Leader: We gather as God's church, in the name of Jesus Christ, for our nurture and renewal as disciples of Christ.
People: Transcending all barriers within the human family, we receive the gift of ministry and reconciliation.
Leader: All dominion in the church belongs to Jesus Christ, its Lord and head, upon whom the whole body depends.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 531 (1, 2)
Thank You, Lord
Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
Thank you, Lord; I just want to thank you, Lord.

Been so good; been so good;
Been so good; I just want to thank you, Lord.

✠MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle
Welcome to National City Christian Church. We greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We request that everyone - both members and visitors - sign the Connect With Us cards in your bulletin. If you are a visitor, please indicate your address and telephone number. There is space on the back of the cards for prayer concerns.

CALL TO PRAYER Kurt Kaiser
O How He Loves You and Me

O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me;
He gave his life—what more could he give?
O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!

Jesus, to Calvary did go, his love for mankind to show;
What he did there brought hope from despair:
O how he loves you, O, how he loves me,
O how he loves you and me.

PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)
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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

CHORAL PRAISE Richard Smallwood
At the Table

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena
NT p. 171
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 687 (1-3)
In Christ There Is No East or West

SERMON Stephen Gentle
Receive God's Love

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

Those desiring to become members of the community of National City Christian Church, either by transfer of membership, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✠INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP No. 518
This Is a Day of New Beginnings

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Steven Moore

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Barbara Boward
Ann Neeriemer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. White baskets are available at the first pew for your offerings. When receiving communion, take a wafer from the plate and dip it in the cup. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seats by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 403
In Remembrance of Me

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE

The Angels Keep-a Watching Over Me
All night, all day, the angels keep a-watchin' over me, my Lord!
All night, all day, the angels keep a-watchin' over me!

Following the worship service, our pastors are at the front of the sanctuary to greet you. All are invited to come down to the Atrium for a time of fellowship.

The pulpit flowers were given by Norman and Shirley Kruse in honor of Doug and Deb's 19th Anniversary; Norman and Shirley's 48th anniversary; and the birth Lauren Elizabeth born on September 5 to Glen and Maureen Kruse.

Worship and preaching resources: Chalice Worship, Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999), Seasons of the Spirit, Craig Schaub, et. al., (British Columbia, Canada: Wood Lake Publishing, Inc., 2007), and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001). The texts for the hymns sung during this morning service are reprinted with permission given under CCLI #2266475.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)! This unique facility is held in trust for all Disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. We pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Groups – This week marks the start of our new small groups based on the book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* by Robert Schnase. *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* provides an honest and practical guide to the spiritual journey. By repeating and deepening certain fundamental practices, you cooperate with God in your spiritual growth. As you develop these five practices - *to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give of yourself fully* - you learn to connect with God and become an instrument of God's peace. Come to any of the small groups to grow in fellowship and to activate these five practices in your life.

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! – We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship at National City Christian Church. Please take a moment and sign the *Connect With Us* card in the bulletin. Indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. Please place it in the offering tray.

Membership at NCCC – It would be our joy to welcome you into the membership of this congregation. You may join through transfer of membership from another congregation or through a profession of faith and baptism. Full and associate membership are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or e-mail sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

Sanctuary Tour – Tours of our historic sanctuary are available following the 11 a.m. worship service. If you are interested, please meet at the Garfield Window in the rear of the sanctuary (pulpit side).

Coffee and Fellowship – Come to the Atrium for a warm cup of coffee and meet some of the warm people of National City. The Atrium is located on the first floor of the building through the front, right door.

Nursery – Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is located in Fellers Foyer. Speak with a greeter or any member for directions.

Parking – Parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel garage on Vermont Avenue. Coupons for discounted price of \$4 are at the 14th Street entrance desk in the Atrium.

Accessibility – Elevator access to the sanctuary is available via the 14th Street courtyard entrance. If you would like to request a handicapped parking space for Sunday, please call the church office by 12 noon on Friday. In addition, the sanctuary has an assisted listening system; please request a receiver from an usher.

EN ESPAÑOL – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

Audio Recording – Tapes of the sermon from the 11 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. Tapes may be ordered by completing the form at the reception desk in the Atrium or by calling the church office. Please add \$2 per tape for mailing. Messages are also available for download at www.nationalcitycc.org

Pastoral Needs – If you would like to speak with a pastor, please feel free to meet with one of the pastors at the door after the worship service or call during business hours, 202-232-0323.

National City Online – Visit online at www.nationalcitycc.org and Facebook members are encouraged to sign up as fans of National City's Facebook page. Also members and guests are encouraged to sign up for our e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

James Green; Xiao 'Polly' He; Gary Lewis; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds;
Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Tom Walsh;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Pilgrimage Christian Church, Suitland, Maryland

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 9:30 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Loretta Tate and Bill Travis.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 10 a.m., in the Howland Center, led by NCCC pastors.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 12:30 p.m., in the Howland Center, led by John Scott Williams, and Theresa Beaton.

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, and youth.

Classes for elementary students will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

Classes for middle and high school students will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room

Children's Time – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program that takes place during the 11 a.m. service. Children can meet their parents in the Music Suite or in the Atrium at the end of the worship service.

Fair Trade Gifts, Crafts, and Coffee – Hilda's International Gift Shop is open today from 10 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Yada D-Space Returns – The Young Adults are starting a six-week series on *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Gift Shop. Snacks are provided.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 7 p.m. at Kathleen Swihart's home, led by Paula Engle.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Food Pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Atrium.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NCC Foundation Board Meeting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Baltimore.

Magical Mystical Musical Machine from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Charles Miller.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 10 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Bill Knight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Sympathy – Long-time member Frances Gleason died on Sunday, September 12, at Westminster Retirement Community in Woodbridge, Virginia. She was 91. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 25, at 11 a.m. at Westminster at Lake Ridge, 12191 Clipper Drive, Lake Ridge, Virginia. Mrs. Gleason had served as a deaconess and an elder at National City, spearheaded the project to put needlepoint cushions in each pew, handled costumes for plays and productions, and was an active member of the Hearthstone Sunday School class. She was preceded in death by her husband Cedric Gleason and sons Laurence and Richard. She is survived by her daughters Candace Clay Barnes and Rebecca Clay Huck, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American University or National City Christian Church.

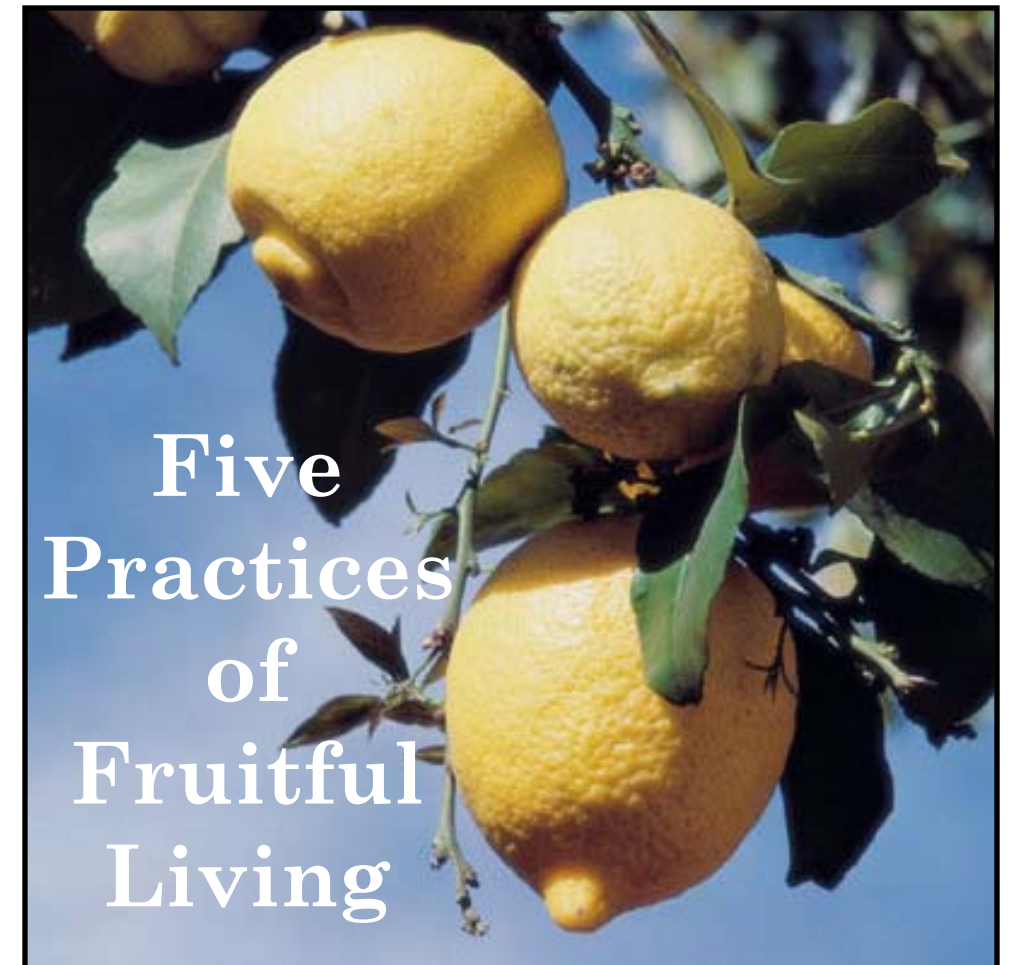
AIDS Walk DC – Saturday, Oct. 2. All members of congregation are invited to join Team National City Christian Church on annual Aids Walk, benefitting Whitman Walker Clinic. Our group will meet at the church at 10:00, then walk to Freedom Plaza, where the walk begins. The Aids Walk continues to the Capital and back, a distance of 2 miles. Registration fee is \$25. NCCC goal is to raise \$500 for the walk, an amount we have easily surpassed in the past. Chrys Lemon is Team Leader. Contact him at cell 703-798-9580 or email: cld@mcintyrelf.com, with questions & to let him know you have enrolled. Be sure to ask him about the fun party after the walk!

To join our team:

1. Go to <http://www.wwc.org/>
 2. Click on "Aids Walk" under "WWC Info" on the right side of the screen.
 3. Click "Register here."
 4. Execute the waiver agreement.
 5. Click "Join a Team" & scroll down to NCCC.
- Follow the remaining steps.

Regional Assembly October 2 – The Regional Assembly for the Christian Church Capital Area will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Bldg. II, Rockville, Maryland. You may register online at www.cccadisciples.org. The assembly includes a presentation on regional transformation by Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm and Rev. Rick Powell, a keynote address by Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, a business session, and workshops.

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September 19, 2010
8:30 a.m.



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