

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Byron Cotton, Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines,  
Charles Miller and Beau Underwood  
Preacher: Randy Johnson

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Morning Song*

Edward Elgar

### MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

Welcome! National City Christian Church is the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open and affirming of all people. We pray that today's worship will please God and edify God's people.

Please sign the Connect With Us card in the bulletin. If you are a first-time guest, please indicate your address, telephone number, and email address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cellular telephones, pagers, and watch alarms. The service is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

### INTROIT

Gerre Hancock

*Responsory Introit*

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming  
in from this time forth forever more.

Alleluia! Let us sing praises to our God. Alleluia!

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 65

EIN FESTE BURG

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Byron Cotton

Leader: We praise you, O God, in thankfulness for your goodness and grace.

**People: For the ways you answer prayer and forgive our wrongdoings, we are happy and honored to come here to worship you, Hope of all Creation.**

Leader: You enrich the earth with water, providing people with grain.

**People: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,**

Leader: The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with crops, they sing together with joy.

**People: So let us sing together with joy, as we sing to you, O God of our salvation.**

### ✠HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 64 (1, 3)

ELLACOMBE

*We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God*

We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at your command and all the stars obey.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne.

While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that we can be, God, you are present there.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines

NT p. 199

2 Timothy 4:1-8

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Beverly Goines

### ANTHEM

William Harris

*Behold, the Tabernacle of God*

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with us,

and the spirit of God dwelleth within you:

for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are:

for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple

with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

[Text taken from the *Sarum Prayerbook*]

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Elementary school children will be invited by the pastor to leave the Sanctuary just before the sermon to attend a creative arts program in the Music Suite. Children will be dismissed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

### SERMON

Randy Johnson

*It's Part of the Gift*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD AND CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

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.

### ✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT

No. 611

FETSAL SONG

*Rise Up, O Saints of God*

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beau Underwood

### OFFERTORY SOLO

Martin How

*Day By Day*

Day by day, dear Lord of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,

follow thee more nearly, day by day.

[Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester]

### ✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Genlte

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Patrick Malone

Elder: Pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, God of our salvation: so your grace might strengthen us for service; so your peace might calm our troubled souls; so your hope might mend our broken hearts.

**People: You poured out your life that we might be filled with the gift of salvation. You humbled yourself that we might be raised to eternal life. When hope runs through our fingers like sand, enable us to cling to faith. Take hold of our hands, so we might cross the finish line together. For we dedicate our life to run this race called faith, with the One who taught his disciples to pray, saying:**

**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.**

### PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Teresa Swihart

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please eat the bread as it is passed and hold the cup so that we may share it together.

### COMMUNION HYMN

No. 576 (1)

OLIVET

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray. Take all my guilt away.

Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 613

WEBB

*Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

*Praeludium in A minor, BWV 543*

As the organ postlude is played, please feel free to depart the Sanctuary and greet those around you. For those who wish to stay and enjoy the postlude, you are invited to come forward, gather near the organ console, and let the full splendor of this instrument and the glorious music played upon it fill your soul.

Following the worship service, our pastors are at the back and side doors of the Sanctuary to greet you. All are invited to come down to the Atrium for a time of fellowship.

*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), www.liturgybytlw.com/lessfest/stsalive.html, and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001).*

## WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Welcome to National City!** Thank you for joining us in worship. Our pulpit guest is Rev. Randy Johnson, vice president of the Christian Church Foundation. Rev. Johnson brings a love for the church, a passion for ministry, and a deep desire to help Disciples make a difference in issues related to stewardship and estate planning. We pray that our time together in worship will be meaningful and inspirational. Welcome!

### EVERY SUNDAY

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

**Classes for middle school students (Chi Rho)** will meet in Scott Hall.

**Classes for high school students (CYF)** will meet in the 2nd Fl. Conf. Room.

**Christian Pathways** – Small group for adults, meet in the Howland Center

**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.

### FOR OUR GUESTS

**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 memberships are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email [sgentle@nationalcitycc.org](mailto: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.

**Accessibility** – Elevator access to the Sanctuary is available via the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Parking** – Complimentary parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel parking garage. Simply ask for a voucher at the church front desk at the 14th street entrance. Street parking is available every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west ramp off Thomas Circle, which leads to Massachusetts Avenue.

**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 202-232-0323 during business hours.

**National City Online** – Visit online at [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org) to find a recording of Sunday's sermon. 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 email list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Reggie Barns; Russell Chapin; James Denison; Polly He; Will Hill;  
Ann and William Howland; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;  
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Aspen Hill Christian Church, Aspen Hill, Maryland

## TODAY

**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.

**Education Department Meeting** – after the 11 a.m. service in the Gift Shop.

**Luncheon and Seminar** - at 12:30 p.m. Rev. Randy Johnson, vice president of the Christian Church Foundation, will lead an inheritance planning seminar that will show us ways we can provide for loved ones as well as National City with resources we have at the end of our lives. This presentation is provided at no cost. No products will be sold. The information provided will benefit you and our church. A light lunch will be served in the Howland Center.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

**D-Space** – Join National City's young adults (Yada) for study and conversation at 6:45 p.m. This week we continue the series Hitting the Reset Button: Back to the Basics in an Out-of-Control World.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**Book Club** – 7 p.m. in Hilda's Gift Shop. We will discuss *Everything Is Illuminated*.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Hans Hielscher, organist at Cariloneur, Marktkirche, Wiebaden, Germany.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Studies Begin** – Lenten studies will begin Saturday, February 25, at 10 a.m. in Hilda's gift shop and will be led by Bill Knight and Byron Cotton. On Sunday, February 26, at 5 p.m., a Virginia study group will begin at the home of John Scott and Beverly Williams in Fairfax, with succeeding sessions at the home of Barbara Collins in Annandale. If you would like to host a study group in your neighborhood, or would like further information, contact Diana Morse. The study groups will be using the 2012 Lenten devotional, with daily meditations written by the National City Christian Church family.

**Text Message** – What does the rich, extended narrative of the Bible have to offer to a world where communication increasingly occurs in messages of 160 characters or less? How can the complex and deep truths of the Gospel gain a hearing in a contemporary culture with a rapidly diminishing attention span? These questions and others will be explored in a new Bible Study here at NCCC beginning in the month of March. Anyone with the interest, time, and energy to dive deeper in Scripture on a weekly basis is welcome to participate. Meeting times and locations will be determined by the schedules of the participants. For more information or to sign up, e-mail Rev. Underwood at [bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org).

**Donations Needed** – Teresa Swihart is attending From Stumbling Blocks to Building Blocks of Faith, a DOC conference on children's ministry. An outreach project of the conference is to provide supplies to Newborns in Need. If you would like to help with this project please bring the following items to church by February 19th so she can deliver them later in the week. Thanks for your help. ♦Unscented diaper wipes♦Blankets (no-sew are fine)♦Baby hats♦Soft baby toys♦Baby clothing (preemie – 2T)♦Gowns, onesies, sleepers, etc.♦Bibs and burp cloths♦Bath supplies (bath toys, washcloths, towels, safety devices)♦Diapers (Size Newborn, 1 & 2)

**Save The Date** – Chi Rho (middle school students) save the night March 10-11 for our winter lock-in. Questions? See or contact Teresa Swihart.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH  
BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY  
AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)



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11 a.m.



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