

# Second Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Tawanna Lloyd,  
Charles Miller, and Beau Underwood  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Steal Way to Jesus* arr. Gilbert Martin

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I See*

### 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

arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley*

We shall walk through the valley and the shadow of death,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 108  
CRUCIFER

*Lift High the Cross*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Tawanna Lloyd

Leader: Spirit of Justice, we are grateful to be together this morning on the weekend when we remember the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**People: We remember not only him, but also the thousands of unnamed women and men who put their bodies and lives on the line so that all may be free.**

Leader: May the work of Dr. King and those who follow, continue to eradicate injustice wherever and whenever we encounter it.

**People: Dr. King went to the mountaintop; he saw the Promised Land, and he reassured us we will get there one day.**

Leader: May that be no paradisaal dream, but a reality in our own time.

**People: We worship you, O Lord our God, as we honor you with praise, prayers and our very lives.**

### ✠HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 631 (1)  
LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

### SCRIPTURE READING

Beau Underwood  
OT p. 552

Psalm 139:1-10

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### ANTHEM

arr. William Henry Smith

*Ride the Chariot*

Alia Waheed, soprano soloist

I'm gonna ride the chariot in the mornin', Lord.

I'm gettin' ready for the judgement day, my Lord, my Lord.

Are you ready my brother (sister)? Are you ready for the journey?

Do you want to see your Jesus? I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go.

I never can forget that day! Ride! When all my sins were taken away. Ride!

My feet were snatched from the miry clay. Ride!

I'll serve my Lord 'til judgement day. Ride!

I'm gonna ride the chariot in the mornin', Lord.

I'm gettin' ready for the judgement day, my Lord, my Lord.

### 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

Stephen Gentle

*Hold Fast to the Dream*

## 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. 668 (1-3)  
CWM RHONDDA

*For the Healing of the Nations*

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

### OFFERTORY SOLO

Phillip McIntyre

*You Better Mind*

Alia Waheed, soprano

O you better mind, O you better mind. You've got to give an account at the judgement.

You better mind how you talk. You better mind what you're talking about.

You better mind how you pray. You better mind what you're praying about.

You better mind how you shout. You better mind what you're shouting about.

### ✠DOXOLOGY

No. 46  
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Cecil Talbott

Elder: As we approach the Table of the Lord, let us offer our prayers to God.

**People: Our desire is to do your will, O God; your law is in our hearts. When misfortunes beyond counting press from all sides, and iniquities overtake us, draw us closer to you. When we are tempted and our courage forsakes us, be our help and our salvation. Come to our aid, and make us into the people you want us to be.**

Elder: Grace and peace is given to us in Jesus Christ. All who call upon his name, he claims as his own. God will keep you firm to the end. It is God who called you to share in the life of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Let us worship the Lord, at his Holy Table.

**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

Theresa Beaton

### 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. 425 (1, 2)  
LET US BREAK BREAD

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 630  
MARTIN

*We Shall Overcome*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

arr. Gilbert Martin

*In Christ There is No East or West*

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.

The flowers were given by James C. Ferguson  
in memory of his father, James R. Ferguson.

*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!** On this special holiday weekend when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is remembered, we continue to pray and work for the day when all injustices will be eradicated. Thank you for joining us in worship today!

**Rev. Jason Pearson**, our former seminary intern and now Senior Pastor of Community of Faith Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, was scheduled to be with us today. But pastoral duties have kept him in Memphis this weekend. We look forward to a future Sunday when Rev. Pearson can be with us in worship.

### 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>.

### 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.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

**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. Email Beau Underwood at [bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org) for more information.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tubing** – Calling all middle school students: Save the date! The Chi Rho group will be going tubing on Saturday, January 21. **Deadline to let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend this event is today.**

**NCCC Meet Up** – Saturday, January 21. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center for a free concert. Contact Rev. Beverly Goines at [gob-jae@aol.com](mailto:gob-jae@aol.com).

**Food Pantry** – Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Each week we help hundreds of our homeless neighbors and many families within our neighborhood through the Food Pantry. Any food item is greatly appreciated. If you would prefer, you may make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry by using one of the envelopes. Please put Food Pantry on the memo line.

**Congregational Board Meeting** – Sunday, January 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center.

**New Membership Directory** – In preparation for publishing our new directory, please check the Membership Directory located at the Atrium desk to make sure your information is correct and up to date. Please see Kathy Swihart with any questions.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Haitian Pentecostal Church, Seaford, Delaware

**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)



**January 15, 2012**

**11 a.m.**



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