

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Katherine Blaisdell, Beverly Goines, Alvin Grissom,
Sara Imhulse, Charles Miller, Casey Osterkamp, and Shana Pereira
Preacher: Beau Underwood

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Beloved Christians J. S. Bach

Amazing Grace arr. Frederick Swann

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Beverly Goines

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

Helen Lemmel

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 4
NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Casey Osterkamp

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: You are there, O God, in each moment, each day, each year of our lives.

People: When we are lost, and when we find our way in you again, you are with us.

Leader: Your memory is vast enough to contain the whole of human possibility, and your strength is broad enough to work for the good of each life.

People: Help us, O God, to hear your voice in the wilderness, to make your paths straight for you, to praise you with our words and our works.

✠HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 25 (5)
LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and races,
All that hath life and breath give thanks for manifold graces.

Let the Amen sound from God's people again.
Gladly forever sing praises.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Alvin Grissom
OT p. 634

Isaiah 40:21-31

PASTORAL PRAYER

Alvin Grissom

ANTHEM

Anna Laura Page

Creation Will Be at Peace

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease.
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed;
their young will play together; a little child will lead.
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more; a child will lead them all.
In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease.
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

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

Beau Underwood

We Shall Run and Not Grow Weary

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. 543
ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Sara Imhulse

OFFERTORY SOLO

Michael Joncas

On Eagle's Wings

Alia Waheed, soprano

[Text for this solo may be found in the Chalice Hymnal, page 77.]

✠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

Katherine Blaisdell

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Ann Neeriemer

Elder: God, you sustain us and uphold us. It is your strength that lifts up our heads and the power of your grace that forgives our sins. The bread broken at this table reminds us that you know our weaknesses and sufferings because you also took on weakness and suffering. The cup poured out here testifies to the healing and redemption we have found in you.

People: We know that the perfect love found at this table casts out fear.

Grant us the courage and wisdom we need to embody the Gospel in our lives each day. Renew our souls and enliven our spirits as we pray those words Jesus taught his disciples.

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

Gentry Alexander

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. 86 (1)
FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hands have provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 546
NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace!

✠BENEDICTION

Shana Pereira

POSTLUDE

Frederick Swann

Trumpet Tune in D

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! Today the young adults give leadership to our 11 a.m. worship, with Assistant Pastor Rev. Beau Underwood preaching. Rev. Underwood is a graduate of Disciples-related Eureka College and has a Master of Divinity and a Master of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. Rev. Underwood works for Faith in Public Life. Young Adult Disciples in Action (Yada) gathers for community service, social outings, and meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for study and discussion. Dr. Stephen Gentle is away this Sunday and will be in the church office on Tuesday morning.

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.

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 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.

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 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>.

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cjwalsh@gmail.com**

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.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Sunday, February 5. Once again, we can purchase soup after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services to take home and enjoy Theresa Beaton's fabulous soups. Cost per soup container: \$10. Watching the Super Bowl is optional!

Let's Help Finish Pillows – Sunday, February 5, 12:30 p.m., Howland Center. The Disciples Women invite everyone who can join them to help stuff cough pillows after the 11 a.m. service. The pillows are for recovering heart surgery patients. There will be soup for those who can stay and help. Let's make this an all-church event.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Thomas Bailey from St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Church, Bay Shore, New York.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luncheon and Seminar - Sunday, February 12 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. Please sign up today in the Atrium. A light lunch will be served in the Howland Center. If you have questions, please speak with Kathleen Burger Gerada.

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.

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)

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

Michigan Park Christian Church, Washington, DC



**Those who hope in the Lord will run and not grow weary.
Isaiah 40:31**

February 5, 2012

11 a.m.



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(Disciples of Christ)**