

# Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and Noemi Mena  
Preacher: Beau Underwood

## 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 Beau Underwood  
GATHERING MUSIC

*Indescribable* Laura Story  
From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing your majesty;  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.  
All exclaiming,  
"In describable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name;  
You are amazing, God."  
All powerful, untameable;  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,  
"You are amazing, God."

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* No. 529  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing,  
"Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"  
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me;  
Singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
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Singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 25 (1, 2, 4)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

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.**

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 30

*Masithi (Amen Siakudumisa)*  
Amen siakudumisa. Amen siakudumisa.  
(*Amen see-ah-koo-doo-mee-sah. Amen see-ah-koo-doo-mee sah.*)  
Amen bawo, Amen bawo. Amen siakudumisa.

Amen, we praise your name, O God. Amen, we praise your name, O God.  
Amen bawo, Amen bawo.  
Amen we praise your name, O God.

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Beau Underwood

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 Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh

*People Need the Lord*  
People need the Lord; people need the Lord;  
At the end of broken dreams, he's the open door.  
People need the Lord; people need the Lord;  
When will we realize people need the Lord.  
*repeat*

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 arr. V. Foster

*Wait on the Lord*

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena

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Isaiah 40:21-31

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 77 (1)

*On Eagle's Wings*

SERMON Beau Underwood

*We Shall Run and Not Grow Weary*

## 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 J.W. Harris/arr. V. Foster

*A Follower of Christ*  
I want to be a follower of Christ;  
I want to be one of his disciples;  
I want to be in the newness of life.  
Just let me be a follower of Christ.

What do I have to do? What do I have to say?  
How do I have to walk each and every day?  
Tell me what does it cost if I carry the cross?  
Just let me be a follower of Christ.

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Tom Kelley  
Kelly Swanson

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. 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. 425

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE P. Murakami, H. Hanson

*May You Run and Not Be Weary*

May you run and not be weary.  
May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue  
To give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary.  
May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home.  
*(repeat)*

*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.*

*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).*

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

## 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](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>.

**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)**

## 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 signup, 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)

## 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**

**8:30 a.m.**



**National City Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**