

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle and Beverly Goines
Preacher: Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Charles Callahan
Two Chorale Preludes on American Hymns
Let Us Break Bread Together/The Lord's My Shepherd I Shall Not Want

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME Steven Moore
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 e-mail 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.

✠HYMN SING
Led by Steven Moore and Charles Miller
Please fill out a hymn request form
and pass it to the ushers as they come forward.

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines
Leader: Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!
People: We seek God's presence in our lives.
Leader: Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.
People: Even though we have not produced the "fruits" of hope that God seeks, yet God forgives and heals our weakness.
Leader: Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
People: We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 263 WOLFE
Surely The Presence of the Lord

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines
NT p. 72
Luke 13:1-9

VOCAL SOLO Olive Dungan
Eternal Life (Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)
Louis Davis, baritone
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy;
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 Steven Moore
To Be or Not To Be?

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 INVITATION No. 666 MEIRIONYDD
The Voice of God is Calling

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY SOLO arr. Hall Johnson
Witness
Louis Davis, baritone

✠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 host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE John Scott Williams
Elder: Lord God, we are here because you have made it possible.
People: You made us to be your children, in your image.

Elder: You have always surrounded us with your presence, and in Christ you have shared all that makes us human. In bringing Jesus back from death, you have made full and everlasting life available to us, and you have given us hope in the promise of your coming kingdom.

All: We have done nothing to earn these gifts, we cannot claim to be deserving, but in your mercy, you welcome us freely. 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 Steven Baines

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 414 BERTHIER

Eat This Bread
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 655 LEONI
Community of Christ

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Johann Sebastian Bach
In Thee is Gladness

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 Terrance Tullia
in honor of his mother, Shia, on her birthday.

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! Your presence in worship fills us with joy. We pray that God's blessing will be upon your life and upon our life together as we worship the Lord. We join our voices of thanksgiving and praise to God with the millions of people around the world who are worshipping our Lord. This is the day the Lord has made!

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

Xiao 'Polly' He; Ann Howland; Enid Maitland; Bob Mansker;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Marian Smither;
Dick Taylor; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate;
all those affected by flooding; and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Mount Rainier Christian Church, Mount Rainier, Maryland

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

New Beginnings Small Groups

9-11 a.m., Scott Hall, Matthew Group, Leaders: Eric Woodard and Kathleen Burger Gerada.

9-11 a.m., Howland Center, Mark Group, Leaders: Alan Williams and Steven Baines.

9:30-11:30 a.m., Hilda's Gift Shop, Luke Group, Leaders: Loretta Tate and Diana Morse.

9:30-11:30 a.m., Music Suite, John Group, Leaders: Kelly Swanson and Chip Talbott.

12:30-2:30 p.m., Howland Center, Acts of Apostles Group, Leader: John Scott Williams.

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

Classes for elementary, middle and high school students will be on summer hiatus until September 12.

Christian Pathways – an adult class for all ages meets in the 3rd 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, AUGUST 17

New Beginnings Small Group – 7-9 p.m., Kathleen Swihart's home, Romans Group, Leaders: Paula Engle and Kathleen Swihart.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

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

New Beginnings Small Group – 7-9 p.m., Doug & Chieko Cook's home, Corinthians Group, Leader: Doug Cook.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

New Beginnings Small Group – 10 a.m.-12 noon, Hilda's Gift Shop, Ruth Group, Leader: Bill Knight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Church Picnic – Kick off Spirit Sunday weekend by joining us Saturday afternoon, September 11, at Glencarlyn Park in Arlington for an all church potluck picnic from 3-dark. Sign up in the atrium to bring your favorite dish and to see what is still needed. Directions to get to the park will be available soon!

Needed – New Sunday School teachers for children's classes beginning September 12. Materials will be provided. We need different teachers for the preschool children during the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Teachers for the elementary aged children from 10:00 to 10:45. Questions or to volunteer please contact Teresa Swihart.

Guitar Needed – New Member Katie Blaisdell, is interested in learning to play the guitar in hopes of contributing to future Yada worships, and is looking for anyone willing to let her *borrow* an unused guitar for a few months. Please contact Katie or anyone from Yada if you have one available.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com



**August 15, 2010
11 a.m.**



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