

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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 Steven Moore

GATHERING MUSIC William F. Hubbard

I Love You, Lord, Today

I love you. I love you. I love you, Lord, today
Because you care for me in such a special way.
And yes, I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.
And yes I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

This Is the Day/He Has Made Me Glad

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise;
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 560

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

✠ 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.

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 555

Through It All
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

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

Open Our Eyes
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

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 Donnie Harper

Praise Him

Judith Allen, guest pianist

Refrain:

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same,
He's worthy, Jesus is worthy; He's worthy to be praised.

refrain

God is our rock, hope of salvation;
A strong Deliverer, in Him will I always trust.

refrain

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

Luke 13:1-9

NT p. 72

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 572 (1, 3)

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;
forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide;
in joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord.
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

SERMON Steven Moore

To Be or Not To Be?

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 No. 344 (1, 2)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me - no turning back, no turning back.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Stephen Gentle

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Byron Cotton
Tom Kelley

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. White 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. 384

Here at Thy Table, Lord

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE

God Be with You

God be with you; God be with you;
God be with you until we meet again.
God be with you; God be with you;
God be with you until we meet again.

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.

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 am., 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



New Beginnings

August 15, 2010

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)