

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Alexandre Guilmant
Pastorale from Sonata No. 1
Johann Pachelbel
Chorale Prelude on *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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 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 Steven Moore
Leader: In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our refuge.
People: God is our mighty fortress and shield.
Leader: In God's strength we shall be healed.
People: In God's love we shall witness the Good News.
Leader: Come, let us worship God, grateful for God's wondrous power.
People: Open our hearts, Lord, that we might truly become bearers of peace and justice.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Insert
OPEN OUR EYES
Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore
NT p. 211
Hebrews 12:1-2

VOCAL SOLO Jon Mohr and Randall Dennis
Refiner's Fire
Alia Waheed, soprano
There burns a fire with sacred heart, white hot with holy flame,
and all who dare pass through its blaze will not emerge the same:
some as bronze and some as silver, some as gold;
then with great skill all are hammered by sufferings on the anvil of God's will.

The Refiner's fire has now become my sole desire:
purged and cleansed and purified, that the Lord be glorified.
God is consuming my soul, refining me, making me whole.
No matter what I may lose, I choose the Refiner's fire.
I'm earning how to trust God's touch, to crave the fire's embrace,
for though my past with sin was etched, God's mercies did erase.
Each time his purging cleanses deeper, I'm not sure that I'll survive,
yet the strengths, in growing weaker, keeps my hungry soul alive.

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
By Faith...We Can!

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. 535
KINGDOM
Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO W.A. Mozart
Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate
Alia Waheed, soprano

✠DOXOLOGY No. 46
OLD HUNDRETH
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 Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE John Scott Williams
Elder: Merciful God, as we hear the stories of faith of people throughout the ages, we marvel at their perseverance in the face of the many trials they had to endure. We confess that, even surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses and with Jesus as our model of faithfulness, we still have difficulties in laying aside the sins which cling to us.
People: Forgive us when we prefer to cling to what is known, familiar and comfortable.
Elder: Jesus showed us that living faithfully was totally dependent on your grace, love and mercy.

People: Forgive us for clinging to the belief that knowledge about grace, love and mercy is all that is needed for a faithful life.
Elder: Jesus demonstrated that a life of faith meant emptying oneself of power and serving others with humility and love.
People: Forgive us when we cling to a reliance on achievement and self-serving power.
Elder: We want to be people of faith, totally shaped by the values of your kingdom, O God, as Jesus so obviously was.
People: Help us to lay aside those things which hold us back from living fruitful and faithful lives. Set before us and imprint on our hearts and minds the example of Jesus so that we can run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE Eddie Franklin

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. 398
ST. AGNES

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread
Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart
There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 635
ST. CATHERINE
Faith of Our Fathers

✠BENEDICTION Leon Boellmann
POSTLUDE *Carillon*

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 baptistry flowers were given by the Music Ministry
in memory of Pearl Nugent Nordan.

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;
Dick Taylor; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate;
all those affected by flooding; and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Perryhawkin Christian Church, Princess Anne, Maryland

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

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 24

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

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 28

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 22, 2010
11 a.m.**



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