

# *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, and Beverly Goines  
Guest Preacher: Michael Livingston

## **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 Beverly Goines

GATHERING MUSIC Steve Fry

*Oh, the Glory of Your Presence*

Oh, the glory of your presence;  
We, your temple, give you rev'rence.  
Come and rise to your rest,  
And be blest by our praise  
As we glory in your embrace,  
As your presence now fills this place.  
*(repeat)*

*Jesus, Jesus in the Morning*

Traditional

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

Praise him, praise him, praise him in the morning, praise him in the noontime;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes down!

Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morning, serve him in the noontime;  
Serve him, serve him, serve him when the sun goes down!

✠OPENING HYMN Ruth Duck

*As A Fire Is Meant for Burning*

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,  
So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,  
We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,  
So may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,  
May our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when people live in unity!

**People: It is like precious oil upon the head, running down upon Aaron's beard,**

Leader: and upon the collar of his robes.

**People: It is like the dew of Mount Hermon which falls on the heights of Zion.**

Leader: For there the Lord gives blessing – life forever.

**People: How good and pleasant it is when people live in unity!**

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 494 (1)

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

✠MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Beverly Goines

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 No. 576 (1)

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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 Glorraine Moone

*Unity*

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

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Matthew 15:21-28

HYMN OF PREPARATION Bob Gillman

*Bind Us Together*

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one body, that is why we sing:

*Refrain*

SERMON Michael Livingston

*Shouting Into Silence*

## **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. 73 (1-3)

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

## **THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Byron Cotton  
Gentry Alexander

## 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. 424

*I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

## **THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE No. 261

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,  
When we shall leave this place.

*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), 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.*

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

## WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Welcome to Worship!** Today we welcome to the pulpit of National City Christian Church, the Reverend Michael Livingston. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Livingston has served as pastor of churches in Los Angeles and New York, as director of admissions and later as campus pastor, and director of the chapel at his alma mater, Princeton Theological Seminary, and as the Executive Director of the International Council of Community Churches, and on the boards of several denominational, interfaith, and community organizations focused on social justice. Rev. Livingston is also a writer and editor with numerous publications, articles and book chapters to his credit. He currently serves as director of the Poverty Initiative of the National Council of Churches.

### EVERY SUNDAY

**Christian Education School – 10 a.m.**

**Christian Pathways** – Small group for adults led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center.

### 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 e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH**  
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.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

**Magical, Mystical, Musical, Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Julien Girard from Paris, France.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

**Summer Preaching Series** – National City welcomes guest preacher, **Rev. Barbara Blaisdell**. A graduate of Ball State University and of Christian Theological Seminary, Rev. Blaisdell has served as a local church pastor since 1980, when she began as a seminary student pastor in Texas. She was the first female pastor at Central Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, and has also served as the senior minister to churches in California and Hawaii. The author of several published sermons, articles and co-author of *Theology of Preaching* with Scott Black Johnson and Ron Allen, Barbara has also served as adjunct professor of preaching at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. She is a popular preacher, keynoter, and retreat leader in regional and conference events across the country within both our Disciples fellowship and in our partnership with the U.C.C. She is currently working as a contributing author on *Feasting on the Gospels*, to be published by Westminster John Knox Press, a follow-up to *Feasting on the Word*, to which she also contributed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Parking Policy** – With the coming of the busy fall season, parking will be at a premium. Our National City parking spaces will be designated by a bright color on the sign by garage entrance to National City. Please get a permit from the Atrium desk and display it on your rear view mirror while parking in our designated spaces. Anyone not displaying a permit will receive 2 warnings and then be towed. This applies to only **Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.** Please speak with Mo Jackson, Colleen Walsh, or Barbara Collins if you have any questions.

**Labor Day Weekend** – National City has reserved the Conference Center at Bethany Beach for this long weekend. Registration forms can be found in the Atrium or email [Teresa Swihart, \[tisatcamp@yahoo.com\]\(mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com\)](mailto:TeresaSwihart@yahoo.com).

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

We lift up in prayer those at camp this week;  
Pam Chewning; James Green; Polly He; Will Hill;  
William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland;  
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;  
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver; Tamara Webb;  
and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Mount Rainer Christian Church, Mount Rainer, Maryland



How very good and pleasant  
it is when kindred live  
together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

**August 14, 2011**  
**8:30 a.m.**



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