

# *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship Leaders: Sue Frost, Beverly Goines, and Charles Miller

Guest Preacher: Michael Livingston

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Aria*

Flor Peeters

Chorale Prelude on *Rockingham*

C. Hubert H. Parry

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Beverly Goines

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 email 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.

INTROIT

Franklin Glynn

*I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me*

I was glad when they said unto me: "Let us go into the house of the Lord." [Psalm 122: 1]

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 66  
ST. DENIO

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Frost

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!**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 14 (3)  
IN BABILONE

*Womb of Life, and Source of Being*

Holy Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.

When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.

Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be;

Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sue Frost  
NT p. 16

Matthew 15:21-28

ANTHEM

Rene Clausen

*O Be Joyful in the Lord*

O be joyful in the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness. Come before God with a song.

[Psalm 100: 1]

SERMON

Michael Livingston

*Shouting Into Silence*

## 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 COMMITMENT

No. 503  
ROCKINGHAM

*O Christ, the Healer*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

John Scott Williams

Elder: As we gather around the Lord's Table, we are united through God's mercy as the people of God.

**People: We gather as one people, to worship and praise our God. To celebrate and honor the Lord with our thanksgiving.**

Elder: We gather, renewed and refreshed by the ever-flowing stream of God's mercy.

**People: We gather as people dedicated to the worship and glory of God.**

Elder: In Christ's name we pray...

**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.**

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Paul Heffron

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 MEDITATION

*Traditional Spiritual*

*Give Me Jesus*

Patricia Simmons, mezzo soprano

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 86  
FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Louis Vierne

*Carillon de Longpont*

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.

*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  
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## 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 our own Charles Miller.

## 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).

### 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

11 a.m.



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