

# *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship Leaders: Katherine Blaisdell, Thomas Chema, Marshall Dunn,  
Charles Miller, Eva Moore, and Peter Morgan  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Paul Manz

Partita on *O God Our Help in Ages Past*  
Charles Miller, organist

*Shall We Gather At the River* arr. Dawn Sonntag  
Hiram College Choir; Dawn Sonntag, director;  
Barbara Collins, flutist; Randall Fusco, pianist

Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray  
We will talk and worship ever all the happy golden day.

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.  
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.*

*At the smiling of the river, mirror of the Savior's face,  
Saints, whom death will never sever, lift their songs of saving grace. Yes, we'll gather...  
Soon we'll reach the silver river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather...*

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 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.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 709  
AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Katherine Blaisdell  
Leader: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.  
**People: But we also look to the future, as well as the past.**  
Leader: The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.  
**People: So we can come to worship today with renewed hope.**  
Leader: Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.  
**People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!**  
Leader: Praise be to God.  
**People: Praise be to God. Alleluia. Amen!**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 67 (6)  
ST. ANNE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home.

HERITAGE MOMENT Peter Morgan  
Thomas Chema

ANTHEM Dawn Sonntag  
*Psalm 23*  
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.

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 dis-  
missed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

SCRIPTURE READING NT p. 149  
Romans 8:31-39

SERMON Stephen Gentle  
*Persuaded*

## 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. 618 (1, 5)  
FOUNDATION  
*How Firm a Foundation*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Eva Moore

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY SOLO Dawn Sonntag  
*Mizpah*  
The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent from one another.

✠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 hosts;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Marhsall Dunn

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Kent Woods

Elder: We gather as a people who have a heritage.  
**People: We gladly claim our heritage of a people of faith.**  
Elder: Eternal and loving God, we give thanks to you for your goodness  
through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

**People: We give you thanks, O God, for those who established this  
congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:**  
Elder: For all who have been members of this congregation, for those whose  
wisdom has guided us.

**People: We give thanks to you, O God, and ask of you to guide us for the  
living of these days; through Jesus who taught us to 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 Bill Knight

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Stephen Gentle  
This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please eat the bread as it is passed and hold  
the cup so that we may share it together.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 248 (3)  
ST. AGNES

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*  
Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, with your enlivening ways;  
come, shed abroad the Savior's love, and teach our hearts to praise.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 480  
HANKEY  
*I Love to Tell the Story*

✠BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE Leon Boellmann

*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 flowers were given by Kathy Swihart  
in honor of Teresa Swihart.

*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 to Worship!** As we celebrate the 81st anniversary of National City Christian Church, we welcome Hiram College and its president, Dr. Thomas Chema. In the 11 a.m. service the Hiram College chamber choir will lead in worship music with Professor Dawn Sonntag conducting. Dr. Chema, along with Disciples of Christ Historical Society president emeritus Dr. Peter Morgan will bring remarks about James A. Garfield as U.S. President, president of Hiram College, and Christian preacher. Rev. Marshall Dunn, Hiram College alum and retired pastor at University Christian Church, will lead the 11 a.m. communion service.

**Earthquake damage** – Please excuse our state of disrepair in the chancel, the capitals of the columns near the apse, and the damaged organ pipes due to the recent earthquake. Special donations may be made by designating an offering to the "earthquake fund."

### EVERY SUNDAY

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

Classes for middle school students (Chi Rho) will not meet this week.

Classes for high school students (CYF) will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

**Christian Pathways** – Small group teaching 'Connecting with God' in the Howland Center

**\*Teachers and substitute teachers are still needed, especially for our elementary students. Materials will be provided. Please contact Teresa Swihart if interested at [tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com)**

**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.

### 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

### TODAY

**Food Pantry** - Today is our Food Pantry collection Sunday. Each month we help hundreds of our homeless neighbors and many families within our neighborhood through the Food Pantry. Any food item is greatly appreciated. If you would prefer, you may make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry by using one of the envelopes. Put Food Pantry on the Memo line.

**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.

**Deacons Meeting** – at 12:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. All Deacons are asked to attend including class of 2014.

**Deaconesses Meeting** - at 12:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

**Elders Meeting** - at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

**D-Space** – Join National City's young adults (Yada) for study and conversation at 6:45 p.m. Email Beau Underwood at [beau.underwood@gmail.com](mailto:beau.underwood@gmail.com) for more information.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

**Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features David Brock from Reno, Nevada.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Closing weekend at the Bethany Beach Conference Center** – October 21-23. All able-bodied folk are needed to help make minor repairs, clean furniture, paint, and batten down the hatches in preparation for the winter. Those interested in helping out for all or part of the weekend should contact the manager Dana Miller at [www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org) to let her know you are coming.

**Closing day at Camp Mary Mac** – Saturday, October 29 beginning at 8. We'll be mouse proofing, cleaning, making minor repairs, climbing ladders, and shutting the facility down for the season. Bring a sandwich for lunch; soup and drinks will be provided. Let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend at [Tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:Tisatcamp@yahoo.com).

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

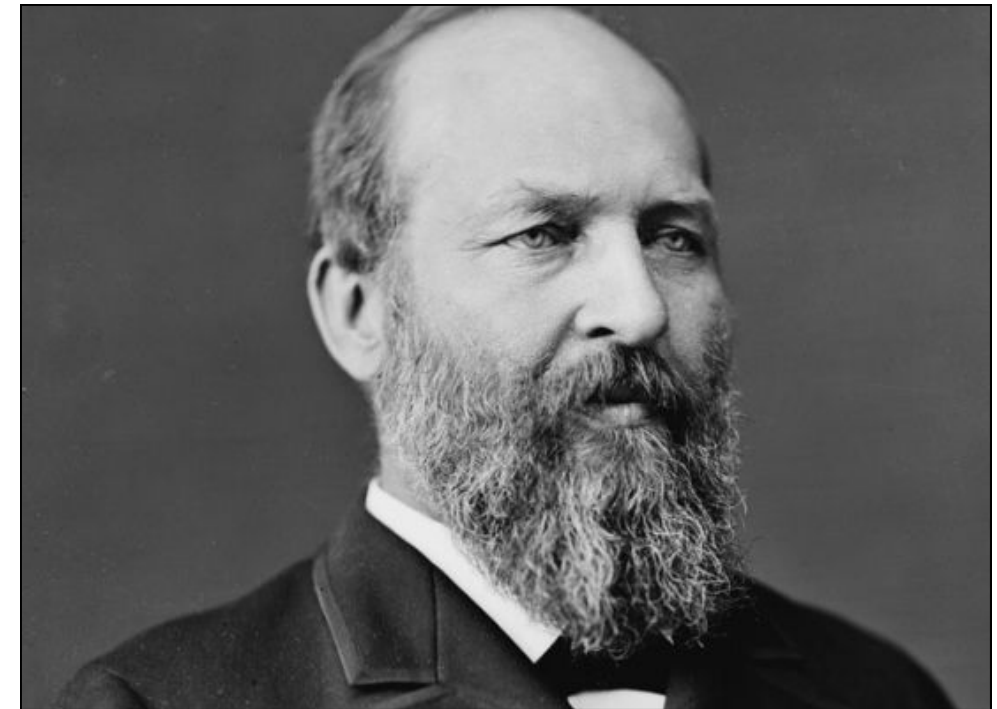
Russell Chapin; Polly He; Will Hill;  
William C. Howland, Jr.; Emma King; Enid Maitland;  
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Denise Ross;  
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver;  
and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Bethany Beach Christian Church, Bethany Beach, Delaware

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH  
BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY**

AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)



James A. Garfield

# Heritage Sunday

October 16, 2011

11 a.m.



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