

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Valeria Foster, and Noemi Mena
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

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 Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

I Love You, Lord, Today William F. Hubbard
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.

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord Don Moen
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we life up holy hands in one accord,
Singing, "Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!"
(repeat)

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 86

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever will be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: O God, your name is majestic in all the earth; your glory is chanted above the heavens.

People: You have crowned your people with glory and honor; we give you all praise in response to your grace.

Leader: Creator God, the earth is yours and all who dwell therein; the moon and stars reflect your radiance.

People: You are the potter who fashions works of beauty from the mud, the painter who hangs the rainbow in the sky, as the sign of your covenant.

Unison: We join with those through the ages who have praised your works of creation and redemption, evermore praising you, and saying, "How majestic is your name in all the earth!"

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 63

How Majestic Is Your Name
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, Mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

✠ 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 Civilla D. Martin

God Will Take Care of You
Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

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 J. LaValley/arr. V. Foster

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena

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Matthew 6:25-33

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 354

Seek Ye First

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Teach Us To Play

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. 543 (1, 3)

Blessed Assurance
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Ann Neeriemer
Bill Travis

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. 384

Here at Thy Table, Lord

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE Thomas Dorsey

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 Kathleen Swihart in memory of Duane 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! What does our faith teach us about having fun, laughter, and joy? "Lord, teach us to play!" We pray that you will find renewal of your faith and refreshment of your spirit as we worship the Lord this day. Welcome!

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Classes for elementary students will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

Classes for middle and high school students will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Christian Pathways – Small group on Acts 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

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 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.

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 during business hours, 202-232-0323.

National City Online – Visit online at 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>.

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.

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. Please bring your non-perishable food items to either the 8:30 or 11 a.m. service. Any food item is greatly appreciated. Our focus this month is on canned protein, such as tuna and Vienna sausage, as well as mac and cheese. 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.

Baptism – Dr. Gentle will hold a special class on baptism today at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, for those who are interested. There will be a time for baptism on Sunday, July 24. If interested in being baptized, please speak with Dr. Gentle today.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Novel Book Club at NCCC – Our first meeting will be on July 28 at 7 p.m. at Hilda's Gift Shop. We will be discussing *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Join other book lovers in a lively discussion of this book. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Gentle at 202-332-3736 or miriam.gentle@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

We lift up in prayer those at Camp Mary Mac this weekend.
James Green; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Lynn Parrish; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver;
and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

Teach us to **PLAY!**



(C) Katie Sokoler

July 17, 2011
8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)