

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: 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

Come into His Presence



1. Come in - to his pres-ence sing-ing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
2. Come in - to his pres-ence sing-ing Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord
4. Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing-ing glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

In the Name of Jesus

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we have the victory.

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, Satan, you have to flee.

Oh, tell me who can stand before us when we call on that great name?

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, we have the victory!

Victory, oh, victory, we have the victory!

Victory, oh, victory, we have the victory!

✠ OPENING HYMN

No. 2 (1, 2, 4)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;

giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy work with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,

stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;

love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.

Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,

joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Noemi Mena

Leader: Lord, we thank you for the gift of joy – the gift that comes from knowing you and knowing that your purpose and will for us can never be thwarted.

People: We thank you for the joy that comes from knowing that you are in charge – and that by hook or crook – your will is done.

Leader: God, we thank you that in your wisdom you have appointed a time in our lives for laughter – and that laughter and a merry heart are means by which you bring healing and wholeness to that which would be otherwise dried up, and without beauty or vitality.

People: Bring joy and hope, laughter and wholeness, rejoicing and healing, today.

Leader: As we celebrate new life and remember our baptism in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Unison: Alleluia. Amen.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

No. 41

Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

✠ 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

No. 528

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

(repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

(repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

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

V. Michael McKay

In His Place

SCRIPTURE READING

Noemi Mena

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Psalm 100

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Leona Von Brethorst

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;

I will enter His courts with praise;

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

Laughter is Good Medicine

Proverbs 17:22

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. 601 (1-3)

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

refrain

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!

refrain

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Noemi Mena

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Cecil Talbott

Eric Woodard

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. 403

In Remembrance of Me

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE

arr. V. Foster

As You Go, Tell the World

As you go, tell the world; as you go, tell the world;

Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.

Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.

Repeat

As you go, tell the world.

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 Theresa Beaton in honor of Dale Brown's Birthday.

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! Today we gather to give thanks to God for the life given to each of us, and the new life God has promised us in Christ Jesus. Proverbs 17:22 reminds us that a cheerful heart is a good medicine. May our worship bring cheer to God and lighten the hearts of the people of God. For God is good and God's unswerving love endures forever and ever! We welcome to our worship service the University of Maryland Gospel Choir Alumni: the Valeria Foster years. We are thrilled to have this celebrated choir in our service of worship today.

EVERY SUNDAY

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for adults

Christian Pathways – Small group 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 gentle@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>.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Young Adult (Yada) Summer Happy Hour – 5:30 p.m. - til ?At Barcode near the Farragut Metro station. Text Kathleen at 615-424-6498 if needed.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

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

THURSDAY, JULY 28

The Novel Book Club at NCCC – Our first meeting is at 7 p.m. in 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Preaching Series – In August, NCCC will welcome four distinguished preachers. **Aug. 7: Rev. Beau Underwood**, Partnership and Outreach Coordinator at Faith in Public Life, is past moderator of the Disciple's Young Adult Commission. **Aug. 14: Rev. Michael Livingston**, Executive Director of the International Council of Community Churches, serves on the Poverty Initiative of the National Council of Churches. **Aug. 21: Rev. Barbara Blaisdell**, popular preacher, author, speaker, and retreat leader in regional and conference events, has served as Senior Minister in Indiana, California, and Hawaii. **Aug. 28: Rev. Dr. Bob Hill**, Senior Minister of the Community Christian Church in Kansas City since 1987, is co-host of the renowned Sunday morning radio call-in show and author/editor of eight books.

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 this week;
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; Tamara Webb;
and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

University Christian Church, Hyattsville, Maryland



A cheerful heart is a good medicine

Proverbs 17:22

July 24, 2011

8:30 a.m.



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