

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Byron Cotton, Valeria Foster, and Charles Miller
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Steal Away to Jesus arr. Gilbert Martin
Charles Miller, organist

Halleluiah is the Highest Praise Anthony Pattin
University of Maryland Gospel Choir Alumni; Valeria Foster, director

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

LAUDATE DOMINUM

O Praise Ye the Lord



1.O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; re-joice in his word, ye an-gels of light; ye
2.O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up-on earth, in tune-ful ac-cord, all ye of new birth; praise
3.O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound; each ju-bi-lant chord re-ech-o a-round; loud
4.O praise ye the Lord! Thanks-gi-ving and song to him be outpoured all ag-es a-long! For



hea-vens a-dore him by whom you were made, and wor-ship be-fore him in bright-ness ar-rayed.
him who has brought you his grace from a-bove, praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.
or-gans, his glo-ry now tell in deep tone, and sweet harp the sto-ry of what God has done.
love in cre-a-tion, for hea-ven re-stored, for grace of sal-va-tion: O praise ye the Lord!

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Byron Cotton

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 365 (1, 3)
BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.

Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise.

We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us. God, transform!

BAPTISM

Brian Robertson

SCRIPTURE READING

Byron Cotton
OT p. 530

Psalm 100

GIFT OF MUSIC

Trust Me

Richard Smallwood

Perfect Praise

Brenda Moore

University of Maryland Gospel Choir Alumni; Valeria Foster, director

SERMON

Laughter is Good Medicine

Proverbs 17:22

Stephen Gentle

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. 18
OLD HUNDREDTH

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

David McKinney

Elder: We thank you God – for life, love, and laughter.

People: We thank you for fun, feeling happy, and the food that nurtures us at this table.

Elder: We praise you, O God, for caring and kindness.

People: And most of all, we thank you for Jesus who makes all things whole.

Elder: In his holy 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

Shana Pereira

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Offering trays are available at the front 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.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 25
LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Johann Gottfried Walther

Chorale Prelude on Lobe Den Herren

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 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 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>.

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

11 a.m.



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