

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, Chrys Lemon, and Noemi Mena
Preacher: Fred Craddock

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus arr. Richard Billingham
Charles Miller, organist

Woke Up This Mornin' Evelyn Simpson Curenton

The Name Glenn Burleigh
NCCC Gospel Choir; 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.

INTROIT Charles Miller
Come Before His Presence
Come before his presence with thanksgiving. Let us praise him with a joyful song!

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 5
AZMON
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Chrys Lemon

Leader: Once again we gather, from different homes and circumstances, with different dreams and ideas, different values and tastes.

People: Different in age and color, different in gender, orientation, and language. Yet we are one family – children of God, every one.

Leader: O God who shaped us and nurtures us: we praise you for the breath of life that moves within us, and within all living things.

People: O Lord who shared our flesh, and made for us a way into God's Kingdom: we praise you for your life and words among us, and for giving yourself to be broken, so that we and our world could be healed.

Leader: O Spirit of God who re-unites us with each other and with ourselves: we praise you for the living water that quenches our thirst and for the divine image that you recreate in us and every person.

Unison: God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer – love is your very nature. And love is your very gift. We praise you for inviting us into your family, and for igniting your love in our hearts, and welcoming us to worship you.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 117
HE IS LORD

He is Lord
He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow; every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord!
(sung twice)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Noemi Mena

ANTHEM Lawrence P. Schreiber
Blessed Quietness
Eric Abalahin, flutist

Joys are flowing like a river since the comforter has come;
he abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart his home.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul.
On the stormy seas he speaks peace to me; how the billows cease to roll.
Bringing life and health and gladness all around this heavenly guest;
banished unbelief and sadness changed our weariness to rest.
Like the rain that falls from heaven, like the sunlight from the sky,
so the Holy Ghost is given, coming on us from on high. Blessed quietness...
See a fruitful field is growing, blessed fruit of righteousness;
and the streams of life are flowing in the lonely wilderness.
What a wonderful salvation where we always see his face!
What a perfect habitation; what a quiet resting place.
Blessed quietness. Holiness. Peace. How the billows cease to roll.
(Text: Manie Ferguson, c. 1897)

SCRIPTURE READING Stephen Gentle
NT p. 185
Philippians 2:1-13

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 600 (1, 3, 5)
CHEREPONI
Jesu, Jesu

SERMON Fred Craddock
A Church With Attitude

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. 234 (1, 3, 4)
DIADEMATA
Crown Him With Many Crowns

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO Francisco Santiago
Ave Maria
Patricia Simmons, mezzo soprano

✠DOXOLOGY No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Byron Cotton
Elder: Pour out your Spirit, Nourishing God, upon this Table of joy and those who gather around it.

People: As you transform the simple gifts of the bread and the cup into grace beyond all imagining, may we be changed into fellow servants with Jesus Christ. May we become people willing to offer ourselves in service and humility to those who have been defeated by the world. And when all time has ended, and we are at home with you forever, we will gather around the Lamb's Table, joining our hands, hearts, and voices, in never-ending praise to you, our Holy God.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE Norman Kruse

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
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 MEDITATION No. 410 (4)
ST. PAUL'S

Now We Come Before God's Presence
Love beyond all comprehension, offered through this feast divine,
We can only go in joy to share with all our bread and wine.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 91
CORONATION
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

✠BENEDICTION Lari Grubbs

POSTLUDE David N. Johnson
Trumpet Tune in D

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 Dove Garrett Bongartz
in memory of Dove & Horace Garrett.

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 welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Fred Craddock as he preaches *A Church With Attitude* from Philippians 2:1-13. For more than six decades Dr. Craddock has enlightened, delighted, compelled, and engaged listeners with stories shared in the context of sermons. He is Bandy Distinguished Professor of Preaching and New Testament, emeritus, in the Candler School of Theology. His books include *Cherry Log Sermons*, *Craddock Stories*, and *Reflections on My Call to Preach. The Collected Sermons of Fred B. Craddock*, and *Craddock on the Craft of Preaching* were published in 2011. Dr. Craddock was selected by *Newsweek* as one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English speaking world.

There will be no Sunday School today

There will be no Children's Time today.

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 10 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 202-232-0323 during business hours.

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 email list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

TODAY

Fair Trade Gifts, Crafts, and Coffee – Hilda's International Gift Shop is open today from 9 to 10 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

Board Meeting – There will be a brief board meeting at the close of worship to receive in writing the proposed by-laws. Then there will be a full General Board Meeting on October 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center.

Brunch – After the service, Scott Hall, \$12 for adults, \$7 for children.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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 for more information.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Alvin Blount from Augusta, Georgia.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

World Communion Sunday – On this Sunday we unite with Christians all around God's world through the Table of the Lord, praying for ecumenical cooperation and Christian unity. Join us next Sunday for this unique day of unity and praise to God.

General Board Meeting – Immediately after the 11 a.m. service in the Howland Center to discuss the amended bylaws. Please signup for the luncheon, \$6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation Meeting - Sunday, October 9, 2011, this is a meeting of the congregation to discuss the amended bylaws. Please sign-up for the luncheon, \$11 in Scott Hall.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pam Chewning; James Green; Lari Grubbs; 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;
and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Downsville Christian Church, Williamsport, Maryland

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



September 25, 2011

10 a.m.



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