

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Sue Frost, Beverly Goines, and Charles Miller  
Guest Preacher: Robert Lee Hill

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Cantilene*

Gabriel Pierne

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Johann Pachelbel

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Beverly Goines

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

*This is the Day*

Lanson Demming

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

No. 65  
EIN FESTE BURG

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Frost

Leader: Ever-present God, we know that without you, life can become a meaningless round of work and worry.

**People: We can become so absorbed in "achieving" and "doing" that we lose sight of simply "being."**

Leader: We praise you for taking the initiative to be here for us – in the person of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People: May our response to your gracious care be reflected in our worship today and through the witness of our lives.**

**Unison: We glorify you, O God, with our hearts, minds, and souls – with our whole being, in Jesus' name.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 16 (1)  
NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sue Frost  
OT p. 161

Deuteronomy 6:4-12

ANTHEM

Gerald Near

*Christ Hath a Garden*

Christ hath a garden walled around; a paradise of fruitful ground,  
chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.  
Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by God's mighty hand;  
by Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.  
Awake, O wind of heaven and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:  
stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved master come.  
That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;  
that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

SERMON

Robert Lee Hill

*Don't Forget to Remember*

## 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. 576  
OLIVET

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Heffron

Elder: We praise you, O God, for being the God of history and the God of our story. You gather us at your Table today, to remind us that you are the one to whom all power belongs, as well as the one who cares for the weak and powerless.

**People: You care for us, O God. We praise you for joining your story to ours, in such a special way through Jesus, our Lord. He proved his great love for you and for each person in the way he lived – releasing what was captive, lifting up the burdened, and empowering the powerless.**

Elder: God, source of loving kindness and strength, we worship you. Jesus, foundation of our faith, we worship you. Holy Spirit, ground of our very being, we worship you.

**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

Kent Woods

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Offering trays are available near the communion table for any offering or connect cards. Return to your seat by the side aisle. Communion is available for those who prefer to remain in their pew.

COMMUNION SOLO

Paul Heffron

*He Loves Both You and Me*  
Paul Heffron, guitarist/vocalist

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 631  
LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

*Trumpet Tune in C Major*

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 Kathleen Burger-Gerada  
in memory of her parents, Florence and Trice Burger.

*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 of National City Christian Church, the Reverend Dr. Robert Lee Hill, who has served as Senior Minister of the Community Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, since 1987. Dr. Hill came there with the distinction of being called to the position as the youngest senior minister in the congregation's 119-year history. Dr. Hill is also a former Board of Trustee member of the National City Christian Church Foundation. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and raised in Texas, Dr. Hill has worked with Project Return, Inc., a non-profit agency working with ex-prisoners and their families in Nashville, Tennessee, and at All Peoples Christian Center in south central Los Angeles, where he was ordained in 1981. He has spoken as a keynoter and guest preacher at assemblies, seminars, retreats, regional and national conferences, seminaries, and worship services across the U.S., including ecumenical and interfaith venues, for Disciple, A.M.E., Baptist, Catholic, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Nazarene, Presbyterian, United Methodist, Muslim, and Jewish congregants. Dr. Hill has served on the board of several Kansas City community organizations, where he has received many awards for his work. He is a co-host of the renowned Sunday morning radio call-in show, "Religion on the Line," and the author or editor of eight books on the church and its work.

### 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 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 10 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

**Congregation Update and Luncheon Cancelled** – Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial dedication this Sunday, August 28 at 11 a.m., I am cancelling the Congregational Update and Luncheon that was scheduled. All the information that was to be reviewed during the luncheon is in the September Newsletter which will be available on our website or at National City this Sunday. The next Congregational Update is will be Sunday, October 9. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.  
-Loretta Tate

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**Magical, Mystical, Musical, Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank You** - The Food Pantry wishes to give many thanks to each and everyone who has given monetary donations and grocery goods each third Sunday of the past months. The increase in our giving expands as the months go on. God bless each of you for your kindness. - Deloris Rudduck.

**Dr. Gentle's Vacation** – Dr. Gentle will return to the church office on Tuesday, August 30, and to the pulpit on Labor Day Sunday, September 4. If you are in town for the holiday, come and hear his message, "Laborers for the Kingdom."

**In Sympathy** - On Tuesday, August 23, Michele Gutrick's father had a heart attack and passed away. The funeral service is on Monday, August 29 at 10 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church: 11700 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

We lift up in prayer those at camp this week;  
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; Tamara Webb;  
and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Rockville Christian Church, Rockville, Maryland

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH**  
AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)

Take care  
not to  
forget  
the  
Lord

August 28, 2011

11 a.m.



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