

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, 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

*Welcome into This Place* Orlando Juarez  
Welcome into this place. Welcome into this broken vessel.  
You desire to abide in the praises of your people,  
So we lift our hands and we lift our hearts  
As we offer up this praise unto your name.  
*repeat*

*Awesome God* Rich Mullins  
Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome God.  
*repeat*  
He reigns! He reigns! He reigns!  
Our God is an awesome God!  
*repeat*

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 272 (1-4)

*The Church's One Foundation*  
The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.  
Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
one holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.  
Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.  
Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena  
Leader: Come and worship God, who is sovereign over all nations, who loves the whole world - God, who knows each person by name and who is faithful to the generations.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

**People:** Let every knee bow and every tongue give praise to God!  
Leader: Come and worship God! - who in Jesus Christ brings forgiveness and reconciliation to the world, breaking down the barriers and hostilities between people and nations - who calls us to a Table set before us in the midst of the world.

**People:** Let the peoples come from North and South, from East and West, to sing a new song to God, to join hands around the Table, and together seek God's Shalom.

Leader: Come and worship God, who is present in the midst of all God's people, empowering, guiding and sustaining us by the Spirit, as we seek to follow the way of reconciliation and peace.

**People:** Come, Holy Spirit! Nourish us by Word and Sacrament, that we may be one with our sisters and brothers in faith, and one with you. Amen

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 41

*Halle-, Halle-, Halleluja*  
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. 111

*Santo, Santo, Santo*

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

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 Carlton Burgess

Jesus Is the Cornerstone

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena  
NT p. 186

Philippians 3:4b-14

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 195 (1, 2)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to his blood.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

*World Communion*

## 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. 537 (1-3)

*My Hope Is Built*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood,  
When all around my soul gives away, he then is all my hope and stay.

*refrain*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Stephen Gentle

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Barbara Boward  
Chip Talbott

## 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. 422

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE No. 442

*Siyahamba*

*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.*

*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 is 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. Thank you for worshiping with us on this unique day of unity and praise to God.

**Earthquake damage** – Please excuse our state of disrepair in the chancel, the capitals of the columns near the apse, and the damaged organ pipes due to the recent earthquake. Special donations may be made by designating an offering to the "earthquake fund."

### EVERY SUNDAY

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

**Classes for middle school students (CYF)** will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

**Classes for high school students (Chi Rho)** will meet in Scott Hall.

**Christian Pathways** – Small group teaching 'Connecting with God' in the Howland Center

**\*Teachers and substitute teachers are still needed, especially for our elementary students. Materials will be provided. Please contact Teresa Swihart if interested at [tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com)**

**Children's Time** – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program that takes place during the 11 a.m. service. Children can meet their parents in the Music Suite or in the Atrium at the end of the worship service.

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

**General Board Meeting** – Immediately after the 11 a.m. service in the Howland Center to discuss the amended bylaws. Luncheon is \$6.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

**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](mailto:beau.underwood@gmail.com) for more information.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Michael Stefanek from Appleton, Wisconsin.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

**Special Worship** – Celebrate with Rev. Beverly Goines on her 10th anniversary of ordination. Pulpit guest is Dr. Frederick L. Ware, associate professor of theology, School of Divinity, Howard University.

**Congregation Meeting** – 12:30 p.m. This is a meeting of the congregation to discuss the amended bylaws. Please sign up for the luncheon, \$10 in Scott Hall.

**GLBT Fellowship** – Join us at 6 p.m. for food and fellowship at the DuPont Italian Kitchen, 1637 17th Street, N.W.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Corn Maze on October 9** – If you're a Chi Rho (middle school) or Junior (elementary) youth, find yourself in the CORN MAZE after church on October 9. Bring a lunch or a few dollars to purchase one and \$8 for admission to the maze (\$9 for adults). We'll leave the church at 12:30 p.m. and return to the city by 5 p.m. Contact Teresa Swihart to join in the fun, to volunteer to drive, or if you have questions.

**Chi Rho Fall Retreat** – It's late but not too late to sign up for the Chi Rho (middle school) fall retreat at Camp Mary Mac October 14-16. Info brochures can be found in the Atrium or online. Registration forms are online at [www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org). The cost is \$60. Scholarships are available.

**Closing weekend at the Bethany Beach Conference Center** – October 21-23. All able-bodied folk are needed to help make minor repairs, clean furniture, paint, and baton down the hatches in preparation for the winter. Those interested in helping out for all or part of the weekend should contact the manager Dana Miller at [www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org) to let her know you are coming.

**Closing day at Camp Mary Mac is Saturday** – October 29th beginning at 8. We'll be mouse proofing, cleaning, making minor repairs, climbing ladders, and shutting the facility down for the season. Bring a sandwich for lunch; soup and drinks will be provided. Let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend at [Tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:Tisatcamp@yahoo.com).

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pam Chewning; James Green; Lari Grubbs; Polly He; Will Hill;  
William C. Howland, Jr.; Emma King; 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

Good Samaritan Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland

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



World  
Communion  
Sunday

October 2, 2011  
8:30 a.m.



**National City Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)