

# Twelfth 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 Noemi Mena

## GATHERING MUSIC

*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,  
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burdens down.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burdens down.

Friends don't treat me like they used to since I laid my burdens down.  
Friends don't treat me like they used to since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better since I laid my burdens down.  
I feel better, so much better since I laid my burdens down.

✠OPENING HYMN No. 60

*Cantemos al Señor*

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: God of Life,

**People: you are as near to us as our breath.**

Leader: Touch our eyes,

**People: that we may see you in one another.**

Leader: Open our ears,

**People: that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.**

Leader: Enter our hearts,

**People: that we may be filled with your love toward all people.**

Leader: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**People: Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.**

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING 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.

✠MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Beverly Goines

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. 600 (1, 2)

*Jesu, Jesu*

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 Joseph Vogels, arr. D. McClurkin

*Victory Chant*

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena

Matthew 20:1-16

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HYMN OF PREPARATION Bob Gillman

*Bind Us Together*

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord,

Bind us together with love.  
There is only one God. There is only one King.  
There is only one body, that is why we sing:

*Refrain*

SERMON Stephen Gentle

*Laborers for the Kingdom*

## 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 J.W. Harris/arr. V. Foster

*A Follower of Christ*

I want to be a follower of Christ;  
I want to be one of his disciples;  
I want to be in the newness of life.  
Just let me be a follower of Christ.

*(repeat)*

What do I have to do? What do I have to say?  
How do I have to walk each and every day?  
Tell me what does it cost if I carry the cross?  
Just let me be a follower of Christ.

*(repeat)*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Bill Knight  
Rick Bahr

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

*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.*

*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.*

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

## WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Welcome to Worship!** On this Labor Day weekend we worship the One who has labored for humanity since the beginning of time, the Creator of all that is, and the Creator of you and me. Whether you are traveling this holiday season or a regular worshiper at National City, we are so honored that you are in worship. Let us worship our Lord with the full labor of our lives in Christ Jesus

### 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>.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

We lift up in prayer those at camp this week;  
Pam Chewing; 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

Heritage Christian Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

## 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.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 LABOR DAY - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**Magical, Mystical, Musical, Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Charles Miller in commemoration of 9/11.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Help with the Church Yardwork** - We welcome everyone's help Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. as we catch up yardwork. If you can work two hours in that time frame, we'll achieve our goals. All work done in advance is appreciated. If you can't work that Saturday, please work during the week. Thank you for your support in making National City our proud church.

**Spirit Sunday, September 11** - Ten years ago, on this day, our nation was forever changed. National City will come together in a morning of remembrance as the elders lead us through a moment of prayer, silence, and the tolling of the bells, for all those who have been affected by 9-11. Dr. Gentle will preach a challenging message called, "Unforgivable?" based on the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 18:21-35. At 11 a.m. the Sanctuary Choir will share a new anthem based on the prayer of Francis of Assisi, "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace." After the 11 a.m. worship, the community will come together for Sundaes on the Steps.

**D-Space is Back!** - Join National City's young adults (Yada) for study and conversation on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. starting September 14. Email Beau Underwood at [beau.underwood@gmail.com](mailto:beau.underwood@gmail.com) for more information.

**Disciples Women Meeting September 13** - Disciples Women will be looking at the Beatitudes at their monthly meetings this year. In September Dr. Stephen Gentle will launch the study at 11 a.m. in the Music Suite. Bring a sandwich to add to the salad supplied by Circle One. We invite all to join us for study, worship, and fellowship.

**Regional Young Adult Retreat September 14-16** - The Christian Church Capital Area will have a young adult retreat for people 18 to 35 at Camp Mary Mac near Sharpsburg, Maryland.

**Anniversary Celebration on September 18** - Fifty years ago a couple pledged their love to one another. Join Peter and Lynne Morgan on this blessed day filled with poignant memories, delicious food, and a benefit concert for our Sanctuary Choir. Sign up sheet is available at the Atrium desk.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH  
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8:30 a.m.



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(Disciples of Christ)