

# *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle, and Beverly Goines  
Guest Preacher: Beau Underwood

## 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 V. Michael McKay

### *A Perfect Sacrifice*

Holy One, Jesus Christ, the only One worthy to give His life,  
For the sins of all mankind: such a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ!

Lord, I yield, yes, I give this my song, my praise of sacrifice.  
I give you my life; you've already paid the price:  
Such a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ!

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

✠OPENING HYMN Marva J. Dawn

### *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;  
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.  
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;  
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul  
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.  
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.  
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens - life's confusions, fears and pain.  
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom's reign.  
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them - he alone will satisfy.  
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

Leader: We are awakened from a week of work and worry to a morning of fresh beginnings and new horizons.

**People: For this day of rest we give thanks and praise.**

Leader: We are awakened from a night of tossing and turning to a day of surprises and sanctuary.

**People: For this day of peace we give thanks and praise.**

Leader: We are awakened from the mundane and ordinary by an invitation for search and celebration.

**People: For this time of celebration we give thanks and praise.**

Leader: This is the day that we are given.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: This is a day like no other!

**People: For senses awakened and life renewed, we give thanks and praise.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

### *This Is the Day*

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Les Garrett

✠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. 346 (1)

### *Where He Leads Me*

PASTORAL PRAYER Stephen Gentle

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 Glenn Burleigh

### *Follow Me from Let God Arise*

*A Follower of Christ* J.W. Harris/arr. V. Foster

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING Stephen Gentle

Matthew 16:21-28

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HYMN OF PREPARATION INSERT

*Let Your Heart Be Broken* Bryan J. Leech

SERMON Beau Underwood

### *The Existential Question*

## 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. 344 (1, 2, 4)

### *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Gentry Alexander  
Barbara Boward

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 Elisha Hoffman

### *Down at the Cross*

Down at the cross where my Savior died,  
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,  
There to my heart was the blood applied. Glory to His name!

#### *Refrain:*

Glory to His name, precious name.  
Glory to His name, precious name.

There to my heart was the blood applied.  
Glory to His name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin,  
Jesus so sweetly abides within;

There at the cross where He took me in, glory to His name!  
*Refrain*

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,  
I am so glad I have entered in;

There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean. Glory to His name!  
*Refrain*

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,  
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;

Plunge in today, and be made complete. Glory to His name!  
*Refrain*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE No. 422 (3)

### *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:

God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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*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 we begin a special summer series of guest preachers beginning with Rev. Beau Underwood. Rev. Underwood is the Partnership and Outreach Coordinator at Faith in Public Life, which is a strategy center advancing faith in the public square as a positive and unifying force for justice, compassion and the common good. A Graduate of the University of Chicago and Eureka College, Rev. Underwood is a leader among the Young Adults (Yada) at National City as well as a leader in Young Adult ministries in our denomination. Welcome to the pulpit of National City Christian, Rev. Underwood.

### EVERY SUNDAY

**Christian Education School – 10 a.m.**

**Christian Pathways** – Small group for adults 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](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 e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

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

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

**Magical, Mystical, Musical, Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Julien Girard from Paris, France.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

**Corn Roast at Camp Mary-Mac** - All you can eat roast corn! Fun and fellowship for the entire family. Again this year, National City's own Christian rock band, "Eleventh Hour" featuring Patrick Malone, Dale Rowland, and Stuart Keany will perform.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

**Summer Preaching Series** – National City welcomes guest preacher, **Rev. Michael Livingston**. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Michael Livingston has served as pastor of churches in Los Angeles and New York, as director of admissions and later as campus pastor and director of the chapel at his alma mater, Princeton Theological Seminary, and as the Executive Director of the International Council of Community Churches, and on the boards of several denominational, inter-faith, and community organizations focused on social justice. Michael is also a writer and editor with numerous publications, articles and book chapters to his credit. He currently serves as director of the Poverty Initiative of the National Council of Churches.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Parking Policy** – With the coming of the busy fall season, parking will be at a premium. Our National City parking spaces will be designated by a bright color on the sign by garage entrance to National City. Please get a permit from the Atrium desk and display it on your rear view mirror while parking in our designated spaces. Anyone not displaying a permit will receive 2 warnings and then be towed. This applies to only **Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.** Please speak with Mo Jackson, Colleen Walsh, or Barbara Collins if you have any questions.

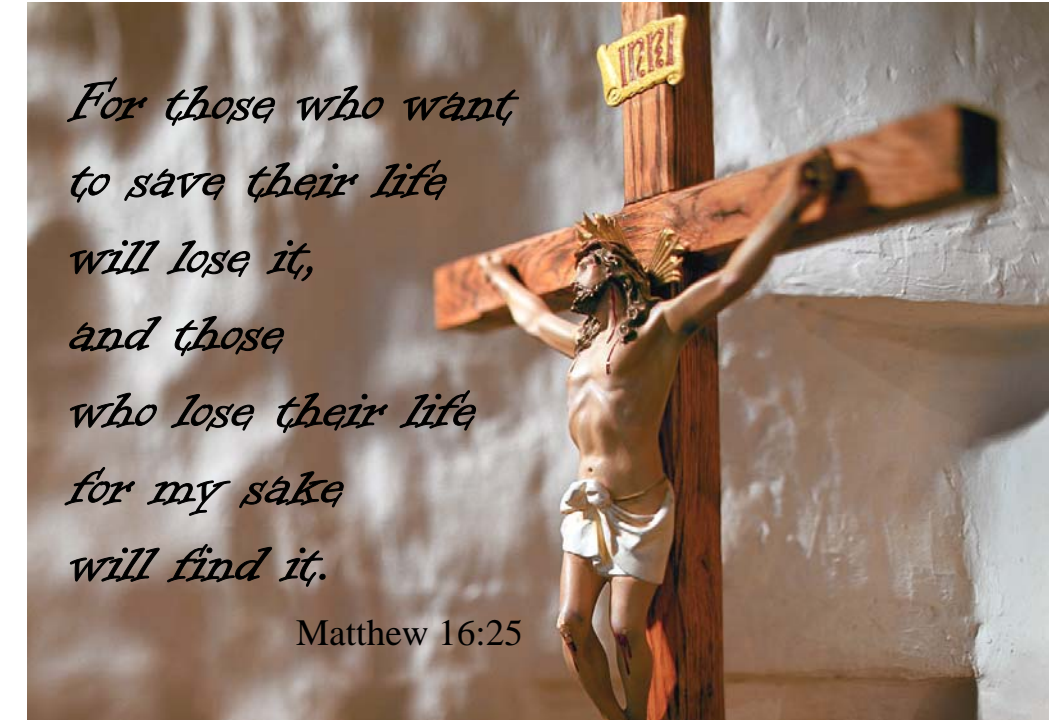
**Labor Day Weekend** – National City has reserved the Conference Center at Bethany Beach for this long weekend. Registration forms can be found in the Atrium or email Teresa Swihart, [tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com).

### 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;  
Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins;  
David Tyson; Al Weaver; Tamara Webb;  
and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Largo Community Church, Mitchellville, Maryland



*For those who want  
to save their life  
will lose it,  
and those  
who lose their life  
for my sake  
will find it.*

Matthew 16:25

**August 7, 2011  
8:30 a.m.**



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