

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, Charles Miller,
and Alan Williams
Guest Preacher: Beau Underwood

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Leoni* Richard Proulx

English Voluntary Gordon Young

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

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

The Lord is in His Holy Temple William Skeat
The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him. Amen.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 72
TO GOD BE THE GLORY
To God be the Glory

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Alan Williams

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.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 715 (3)
NUN DANKET

Now Thank We All Our God
All praise and thanks to God, our Father and our Mother,
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other;
the one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

SCRIPTURE READING

Alan Williams
NT p. 17

Matthew 16:21-28

ANTHEM

Martin Shaw

With a Voice of Singing
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. Alleluia.
The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia.
O be joyful in God all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia.

SERMON

Beau Underwood

The Existential Question

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.

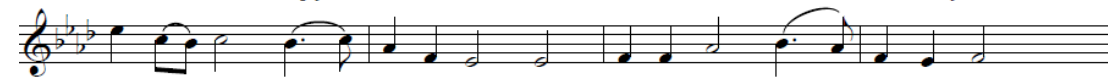
✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT

BOURBON

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1."Take up your cross", the Sav-ior said, "if you would my dis - cip-les be; for -
2.Take up your cross, let not its weight per - vade your soul with vain a-larm; God's
3.Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your fool - ish heart re-bel; for
4.Take up your cross and fol-low Christ, nor think 'til death to lay it down; for



sake the_ past and_ come this day, and hum-bly foll - ow_ af - ter me."
strength will bear your_ spi - rit up, sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
you the_Lord en - dured the cross to save your soul from_ death and hell.
those who_ hum - bly_ bear the cross one day will wear the_ glor - ious crown.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Teresa Swihart

Elder: O God, we thank you for your love; a love seen in your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.

People: Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow in the way of Christ.

Elder: Help us diminish so you might increase.

People: Help us to die to self that we may come to life for you.

Elder: Help us empty ourselves so that you might fill us with your Spirit and your power. Lord, hear our 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.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Deloris Ruddock

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. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Aaron Copland

Shall We Gather at the River

Terri Malone, mezzo soprano

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 655
LEONI

Community of Christ

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Frederick Swann

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.

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

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 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 e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

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

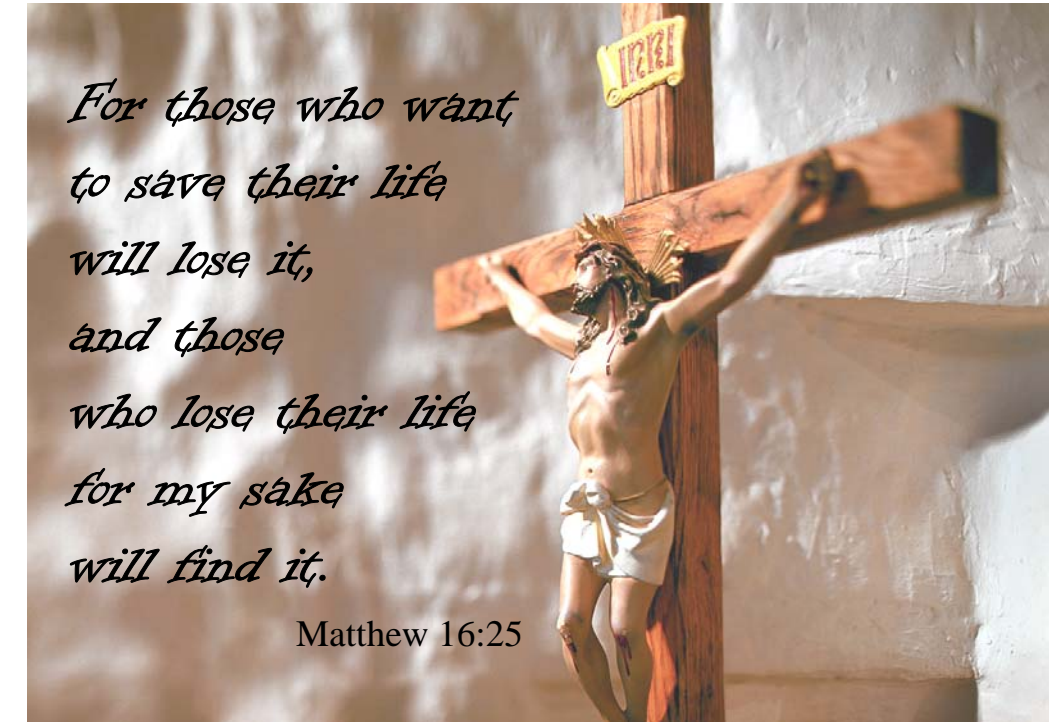
Labor Day Weekend – National City has reserved the Conference Center at Bethany Beach for this long weekend. Registration forms can be found in the Atrium or email Teresa Swihart, tisatcamp@yahoo.com.

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
11 a.m.**



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