

Easter Sunday

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Noemi Mena, and Steven Moore
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.

INTROIT Glenn Burleigh
I'm Gonna Rise (Reprise)
Keith Craig, Tenor

CALL TO WORSHIP Stephen Gentle
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed!
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 216
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

✠ OPENING PRAYER Beverly Goines

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING Rick Founds
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
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.

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines
NT p. 31
Matthew 28:1-10

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 Robert Fryson
Jesus Purchased My Salvation
Lolita Neal, soloist

SERMON Stephen Gentle

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. 562
Because He Lives

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain
Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

And when one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.
Refrain

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Steven Moore

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS
The communion table is open to all Christians. When receiving communion, take a wafer or a piece of bread from the plate, dip it in the cup, and partake. An offering basket is also available for your Connect cards and Easter offering.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 422

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

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

Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.

Refrain
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!
Refrain

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE arr. Jester Hairston
Amen

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.

BEHOLD

Christ Has Risen!

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome! – Happy Easter! Today is the day of new beginnings. Thank you for joining us in worship on this great day of celebration. Let us focus our attention and praise on the one, eternal God who has created us, brings us together in Christ's love, and gives us the promise of everlasting life.

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! – We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship at National City Christian Church. Please take a moment and sign the *Connect With Us* card in the bulletin. Indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. Please place it in the offering tray.

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 membership are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or e-mail sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

Sanctuary Tour – Tours of our historic sanctuary are available following the 11:00 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.

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.

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. In addition, the sanctuary has an assisted listening system; please request a receiver from an usher.

EN ESPAÑOL – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

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 during business hours, 202-232-0323.

National City Online – Visit online at www.nationalcitycc.org and 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>

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Fellowship – Coffee and other treats are available in the Courtyard following the 7:30 a.m. worship service and in the Atrium following the 11 a.m. worship service. All are invited to enjoy this food and fellowship.

Baptisms – Today we celebrate the ancient rite of Christian baptism during the 11 a.m. worship service. We rejoice with Lauren He, Polly He, Fredrickia Lloyd, Quinn Malone, Kevin Wilson, Melissa Wilson, and their families.

Children's Time – Will not take place this week so children may attend the Easter service with their families. Children's time will resume next week during the 11 a.m. service.

Fair Trade Gifts, Crafts, and Coffee – Hilda's International Gift Shop is open today from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults are meeting for a special discussion this Tuesday led by Katie Blaisdell. Disciples Space is a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. Gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). For more information please contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series featuring our own Charles Miller, at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toby's Dinner Theater Outing - Join us to see Happy Days the Musical Thursday, May 26, 6 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. performance. It is \$30 per ticket, make checks payable to NCCC. RSVP to Steven Moore by April 26. For more information contact Gary Lewis at garylewis51@hotmail.com.

Disciples Women – Tuesday, May 3, at 11 a.m., in the Music Suite. Rev. Lari Grubbs, regional minister of the Christian Church Capital Area, will present a program on Disciples women in mission. All are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a sandwich and stay for lunch and fellowship.

Dog Blessing – All canine friends and their caregivers are invited to meet on the steps of National City Christian Church on Sunday, May 15, at 10 a.m. for a special blessing of the dogs service. All are invited to participate on this joyful occasion.

In Sympathy – Our prayers go out to John Sparkman and his family on the passing of his brother, Russ, last Thursday.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Campbell; Charlie Daniel; James Green; Roy Hatton; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.; Ruth Lee; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Mary Paradise; Hilda Reynolds; Robert Rock; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver; and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church, Boonsboro, Maryland

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



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!!

April 24, 2011

7:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)