

# Easter Sunday

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Byron Cotton, and Steven Moore  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Festive Music from Italy and Germany

NCCC Easter Brass Quintet: Andrew Leech, trumpet; Shay Durac, trumpet;  
Damien Bollino, horn; George Bedinger, trombone; Jarrel Garner, tuba;  
Benjamin Sonderman, timpani

### MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Steven Moore

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.

### ✠HYMN OF RESURRECTION

arr. Richard Webster

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! Our triumphant, holy day! Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise him all, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

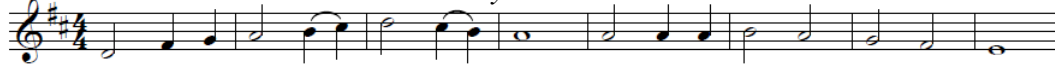
### ✠OPENING PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

### ✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

DUKE STREET

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com-fort this sweet sen - tence give.  
2. Christ lives! All glo - ry to his name! He lives, my Je - sus, still the same.



Christ lives! Christ lives, who once was dead. Christ lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head.  
O, what sweet joy this sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Byron Cotton

NT p. 31

Matthew 28:1-10

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

### ANTHEM

Thomas Matthews

*The Day of Resurrection!*

Jason Kent West, organ accompanist

[The text for this anthem can be found on page 228 in the Chalice Hymnal.]

### SERMON

Stephen Gentle

*What Does the Resurrection Mean to You and Me?*

## 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 INVITATION

No. 233

arr. Adkins / Shaw / Gower

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne!

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

“Jesus, out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans we are left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,

shall our hearts forget the promise, “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, be on earth our food and stay.

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

with the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

### RITE OF BAPTISM

Stephen Gentle

Lauren He, Polly He

Fredrickia Lloyd, Quinn Malone

Kevin Wilson, Melissa Wilson

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

G.F. Handel

*Halleluiah Chorus from Messiah*

Halleluiah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

And he shall reign forever and ever. King of King and Lord of Lords.

Forever and ever. Halleluiah!

[New choral scores were graciously given to the Sanctuary Choir

in 2011 by Guy and Nina Hobbs]

### ✠DOXOLOGY

arr. Geoffrey Shaw/Charles Miller

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*O Risen Christ, Our Blessed Lord*

O risen Christ, our blessed Lord, all praise to thee let earth accord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Who are with endless ages run with Father and with Spirit one.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Moore

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Ann Neeriemer

Elder: God of eternal salvation, we come to your table abounding with joy,  
transformed by your love.

**People: Through Christ you have broken the bonds of oppression, removing all barriers to your unending love. You have made us free to give you praise and thanksgiving. You have our undying devotion for the grace we receive in our baptisms.**

Elder: All our lives long we shall call your name blessed and give you the glory for this gift of new life, in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...

**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

Norman Kruse

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please eat the bread as it is passed and hold the cup so that we may share it together.

### COMMUNION HYMN

No. 229 (4)

PUER NOBIS

*That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

Come, risen Christ, with us abide in this our joyous Easter-tide;

Your own redeemed for ever shield from every weapon death can wield.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF TRIUMPH

No. 234

arr. Frederick Swann/Charles Miller

DIADEMATA

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Eugene Gigout

*Grand Choeur Dialogué*

*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.*

We welcome and thank the five members of our Easter brass quintet as well as timpanist Benjamin Sonderman for providing such glorious music on this festive day. Our thanks also go to assisting organist Jason Kent West for his work as choir accompanist and organist for the hymns.

*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](mailto: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 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. 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

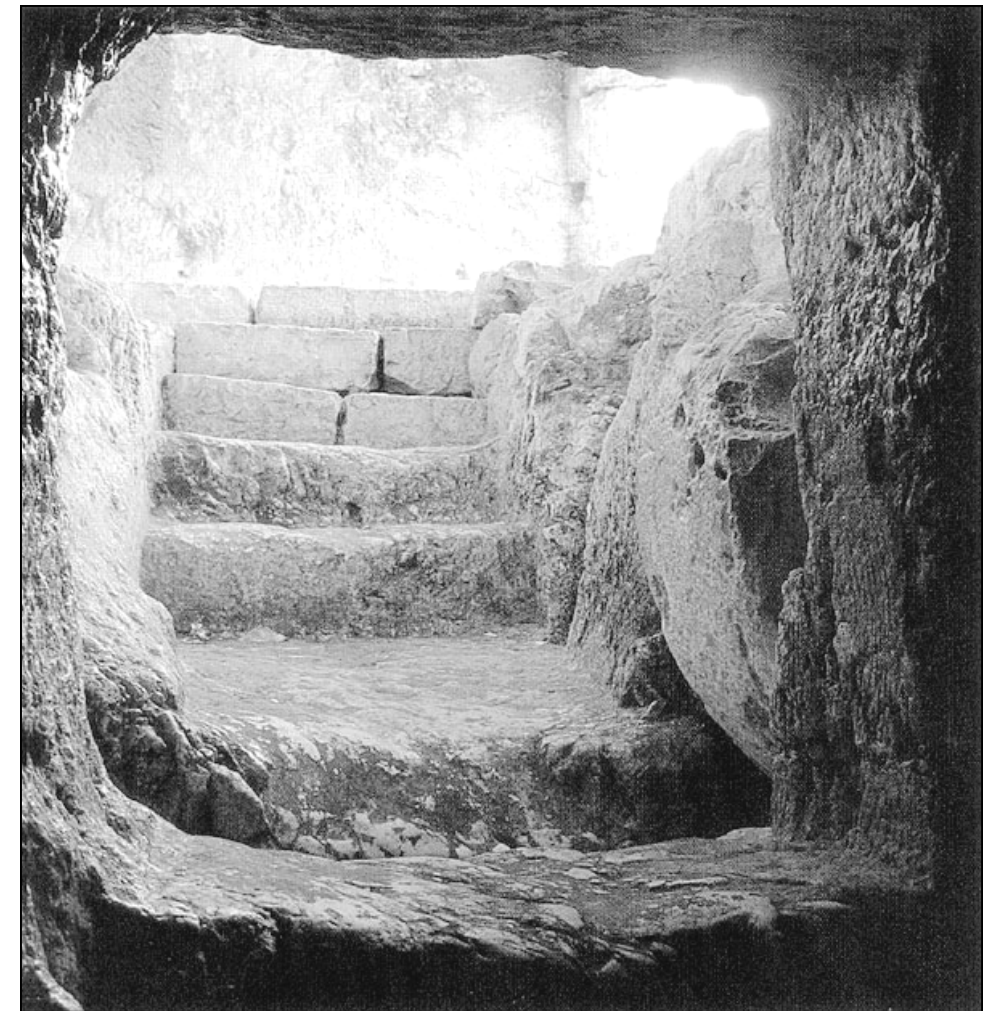
### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Campbell; 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

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AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)



# Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!!

April 24, 2011  
11 a.m.



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