

Palm Sunday

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP 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.

GATHERING MUSIC

A Perfect Sacrifice V. Michael McKay

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!

Bless That Wonderful Name Praise song

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.
Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.
Bless that wonderful name of Jesus,
No other name I know.

There's power in the name of Jesus.
Power in the name of Jesus;
Power in the name of Jesus,
No other name I know.

There's healing in the name of Jesus.
Healing in the name of Jesus;
Healing in the name of Jesus,
No other name I know.

✠PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Steven Moore
Matthew 21:1-11

✠THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE Steven Moore
Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!
People: **Hosanna in the highest!**
Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

✠OPENING HYMN No. 192
ST. THEODULPH
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

✠OPENING PRAYER Noemi Mena
**On this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem
and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments
and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory,
and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

(✠ 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.

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Steven Moore

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 Kurt Kaiser

O How He Loves You and Me

O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me;
He gave his life - what more could he give?
O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!

Jesus, to Calvary did go, his love for mankind to show;
What he did there brought hope from despair:
O how he loves you, O, how he loves me,
O how he loves you and me.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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
Hosanna-Hosanna from *Let God Arise*

MEDITATION Steven Moore
"The Week that Is..."

THE COMMUNITY HEARS THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY

Matthew 26:14-16 Reader

THE UPPER ROOM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER
Matthew 26:17-25 Reader

Matthew 26:26-29 Reader

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 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 Glenn Burleigh
Do This in Remembrance of Me from *Let God Arise*

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
Matthew 26:30-40 Reader

ANTHEM William Bradbury
'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow
'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone;
'tis midnight, in the garden now the suffering Savior prays alone.

THE ARREST OF JESUS
Matthew 26:47-67 Noemi Mena

PETER'S DENIAL
Matthew 26:69-75 Reader

THE DEATH OF JUDAS
Matthew 27:1-9 Beverly Goines

JESUS BEFORE PILATE
Matthew 27:11-26 Reader

JESUS ON THE CROSS
Matthew 27:32-44 Noemi Mena

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED
Matthew 27:45-61 Steven Moore

BENEDICTION
RESPONSE Glenn Burleigh
I'm Gonna Rise from *Let God Arise*

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.

The flowers were given by Kathleen Swihart
in memory of her mother, Edith K. Davis, and in memory of Pauline Holt Wilson.

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! Welcome to worship on this Palm Sunday morning! Today's service of worship begins with the waving of Palms and leaves us standing at the cross. Why move from the joy of the Palms to the Passion? With busy lives, schedules and the nature of our culture today, many people do not return to attend one of the Holy Week Services. Yet we can't have Easter without experiencing the death of Christ. So today, we move from Palms to Passion through spoken word and song. May this service today be one of meaning and blessing to you.

Dr. Gentle is away today attending his son's senior recital this weekend in Fort Worth, Dr. Gentle will return to National City for Holy Week services and Easter Sunday, when he will preach, "What does the Resurrection mean to you and me."

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! – We are so pleased that you have made time in your schedule today for worship. During the season of Lent, we are considering excuses that people use to keep them from growing spiritually. Today we consider the excuse: "The church is full of hypocrites." Let us focus our attention and thanksgiving on the one, eternal God who has created us and binds us together in Christ's love.

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 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 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>.

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

Whosoever Will Christian Church, Beltsville, Maryland

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Stop by for Easter Cards – Easter cards will be available in the Atrium on Palm Sunday for members to sign and mail to friends and family. Thanks to Colleen Walsh for designing these cards.

Children's Time – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program that takes place during the 11 a.m. service. Children can meet their parents in the Music Suite or in the Atrium at the end of the worship service.

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.

Memorial Service for Pauline Holt Wilson – 1 p.m. A memorial service for long-time member Pauline Holt Wilson will be in the Howland Center, followed by inurnment in the Columbarium.

Lenten Study Group – 5 p.m. at the home of Barbara Collins and led by John Scott Williams. We will be using the *2011 Lenten Bible Study* that can be downloaded at www.disciplesmissionfund.org. Please call Barbara at 703-323-1187 for directions.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Yada Lenten Studies – Yada welcomes the entire church to join in a small group study for the Lenten season. We will be studying Jesus' seven "I am" statements, found in the Gospel of John. We meet in Hilda's gift shop at 7 p.m. Come a bit earlier for snacks and socializing. For more information please contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

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

Holy Week Activities

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:30 p.m. Sacrificial Meal

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Communion in the Courtyard

10 a.m. The Wilfley Chapel will be open for prayer.

12:15 - 12:45 p.m. Pipe Organ Meditation featuring Charles Miller

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service with the NCCC Sanctuary Choir and soloists featuring Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Lenten Study Group – 10 a.m. Hilda's Gift Shop, led by Bill Knight. We will be using National City's 2011 Lenten Devotional that can be downloaded at www.nationalcitycc.org.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Easter Worship Service on the steps featuring the NCCC Gospel Choir.

11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service featuring the Sanctuary choir, brass quintet, timpani and organ.

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

Passion Sunday



April 17, 2011

8:30 a.m.



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