

# *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship Leaders: Tom Kelley and Steven Moore  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Dan Locklair  
*The Peace May Be Exchanged from Rubrics*

Prelude on *Be Thou My Vision* Peter Mathews  
Miriam Gentle, harpist

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 e-mail 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 PRAISE No. 91  
CORONATION  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

✠OPENING PRAYER Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Tom Kelley  
No. 744  
*Psalms 67*

SCRIPTURE READING Tom Kelley  
NT p. 68  
Luke 10:21-28

ANTHEM arr. Michael Larkin  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
[Text may be found on page 585 of the Chalice Hymnal]

CHILDREN'S TIME  
Elementary school children will be invited by the pastor to leave the Sanctuary just before the sermon to attend a creative arts program in the Music Suite. Children will be dismissed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

SERMON Stephen Gentle  
Show Your Love to God - Come to Worship!

## 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. 265 (1, 4)  
MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove.  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Steven Moore

OFFERTORY SOLO John Prindle Scott  
*Light*  
Wayne Jennings, tenor

Arise, you people, and look about you unto the east. See! The darkness flees away!  
And lo, there dawns the morning light! After the darkness cometh light;  
soon will the dawning follow the night, songs of victory crown the strife.  
After death cometh immortal life; after the gloom of sorrow's night cometh light!  
All shadows gray will soon flee away! See, in the east, breaketh the morning light.  
All you who mourn in sorrow's night, shrouded in darkness, gone all light;  
lift up your eyes to the eastern skies bright with the first flush of dawn.  
Soon will the night be gone, the light shall come again!  
Fear not, oh Christian men. See, in the east, breaketh the morning light.

✠DOXOLOGY No. 50  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Michelle Jezycki  
Elder: God of wind and fire, blow through our lives, and release us from  
all that clings to us and holds us back from you.

**People: Lay waste the burdens that impede us. Wash away all that weighs us down. Free us to follow your Way – straight and true. Guide us into the fellowship of the faithful, that we might be a refuge to the poor, a deliverer to the captives, and a friend to those who are alone. In hope of your mercy we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:**

**All: 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 Kelly Swanson

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. 399  
BELMONT

*O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near*  
Here may thy faithful people know thy blessings of thy love –  
the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 33 (1, 2, 4)  
O STORE GUD

*How Great Thou Art*  
O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Refrain:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
refrain

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Camille Saint-Saens  
*Fantaisie in E-Flat*

*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 the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)!** This unique facility is held in trust for all Disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. On this blessed day, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

**Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Groups** – This week we continue our new small groups based on the book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* by Robert Schnase. *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* provides an honest and practical guide to the spiritual journey. By repeating and deepening certain fundamental practices, you cooperate with God in your spiritual growth. As you develop these five practices - *to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give of yourself fully* - you learn to connect with God and become an instrument of God's peace. Come to any of the small groups to grow in fellowship and to activate these five practices in your 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 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** – Parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel garage on Vermont Avenue. Coupons for discounted price of \$4 are at the 14th Street entrance desk in the Atrium.

**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.

**Audio Recording** – Tapes of the sermon from the 11 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. Tapes may be ordered by completing the form at the reception desk in the Atrium or by calling the church office. Please add \$2 per tape for mailing. Messages are also available for download at [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org)

**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>

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

James Green; Xiao 'Polly' He; Gary Lewis; Enid Maitland;  
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds;  
Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Pauline 'Polly' Young;  
and those in military service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Downsville Christian Church, Williamsport, Maryland

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group** – 9:30 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Loretta Tate and Bill Travis.

**Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group** – 10 a.m., in the Howland Center, led by NCCC pastors.

**Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group** – 12:30 p.m., in the Howland Center, led by John Scott Williams and Theresa Beaton.

### Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, and youth.

**Classes for elementary students** will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

**Classes for middle and high school students** will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room

**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.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**YADA D-Space** – YADA (Young Adults) gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. This week, we'll discuss "Loving God in Return: The Practice of Passionate Worship."

**Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group** – 7 p.m. at Kathleen Swihart's home, led by Paula Engle.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

**Magical Mystical Musical Machine** from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Andrew Senn from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group** – 10 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Bill Knight.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AIDS Walk DC** – Saturday, October 2. All members of congregation are invited to join Team National City Christian Church on annual AIDS Walk, benefiting Whitman Walker Clinic. Our group will meet at the church at 10 a.m., then walk to Freedom Plaza, where the walk begins. The AIDS Walk continues to the Capital and back, a distance of 2 miles. Registration fee is \$25. NCCC goal is to raise \$500 for the walk, an amount we have easily surpassed in the past. Chrys Lemon is Team Leader. Contact him at cell 703-798-9580 or email: [cdl@mcintyrelf.com](mailto:cdl@mcintyrelf.com), with questions & to let him know you have enrolled. Be sure to ask him about the fun party after the walk!

To join our team:

1. Go to <http://www.wwc.org/>
2. Click on "AIDS Walk" under "WWC Info" on the right side of the screen.
3. Click "Register here."
4. Execute the waiver agreement.
5. Click "Join a Team" & scroll down to NCCC.

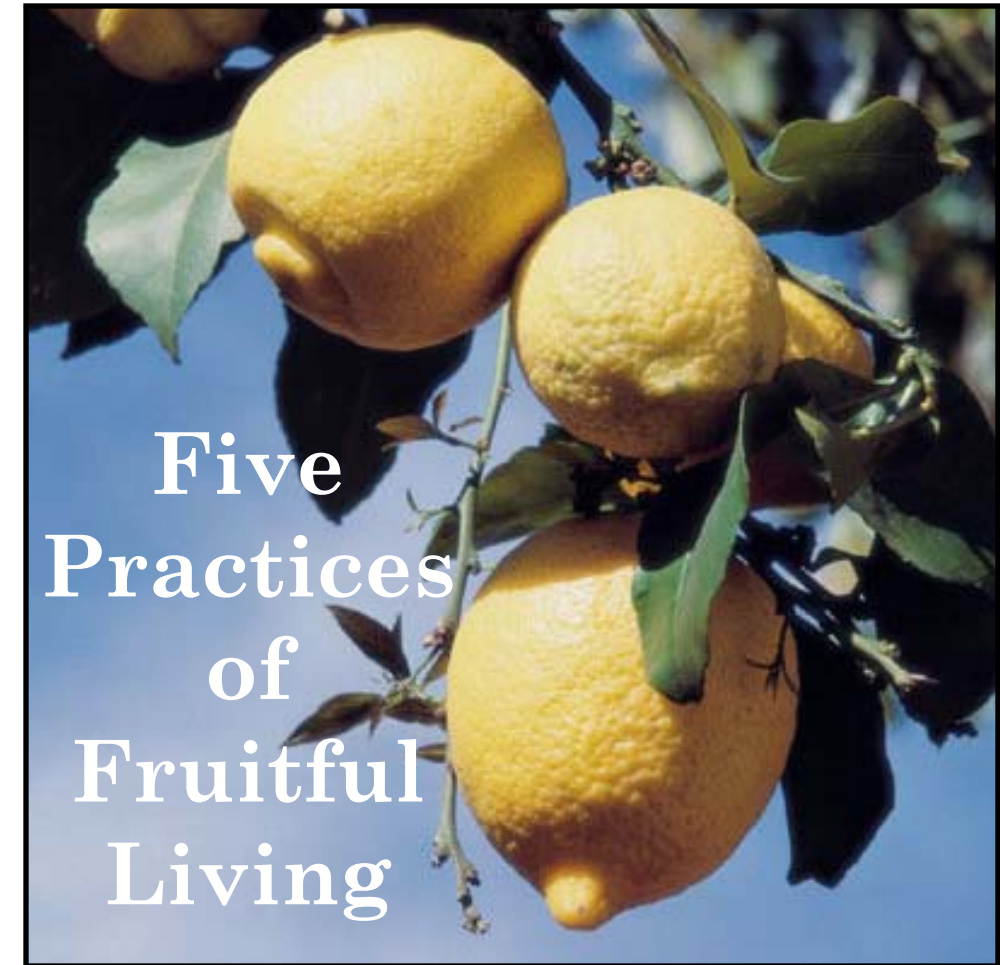
Follow the remaining steps.

**Regional Assembly October 2** – The Regional Assembly for the Christian Church Capital Area will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Bldg. II, Rockville, Maryland. You may register online at [www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org). The assembly includes a presentation on regional transformation by Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm and Rev. Rick Powell, a keynote address by Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, a business session, and workshops.

**YADA (Young Adults) are headed to Boordy Winery** – On Saturday, October 9th, meet at 11 a.m. with brunch in your stomach. We will be heading to Boordy Winery to taste wine, picnic outside, and frolic about. Please RSVP to Kristi Beckwith-Dane.

**80th Anniversary** – October 17 is the day! We will have a unified service with all three worshiping congregations coming together for 9:30 a.m. Gospel Choir Singspiration and 10 a.m. worship. Following worship we will have a group picture on the steps of National City and then a brunch in Scott Hall. Sign up today at the front desk in the Atrium for brunch reservations. Cost is \$11.

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



**September 26, 2010  
11 a.m.**



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