

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

Welcome into This Place

Welcome into this place. Welcome into this broken vessel.
You desire to abide in the praises of your people,
So we lift our hands and we lift our hearts
As we offer up this praise unto your name.
(repeat)

What a Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him.
What a mighty God we serve.

✠OPENING HYMN No. 600 (1, 3-5)

Jesu, Jesu

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
refrain

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these neighbors to us and you.
refrain

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.
refrain

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Steven Moore

Leader: Look around. What wonders we behold!

People: We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.

Leader: Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.

People: Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.

People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

✠MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

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 No. 589 (1, 2)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), in-a my heart, (in-a my heart),
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart. (in-a my heart).

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), in-a my heart, (in-a my heart),
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, (in-a my heart).

PASTORAL PRAYER Steven Moore

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 M. Roger Holland II

With My Whole Heart
Judith Allen, guest pianist

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore

Luke 10:21-28

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HYMN OF PREPARATION

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
Free it from sin, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
Love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
I see your cross—there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Show Your Love to God - Come to Worship!

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 John Winslow

Lord of Creation

Lord of all power, I give you my will, in
joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill; your
bondage is freedom, your service is song, and,
held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind; rich
truth that surpasses our knowledge to find, what
eye has not seen and what ear has not heard is
taught by your Spirit and shines in your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I
praise and adore you for all you impart - your
love to inspire me, your counsel to guide, your
presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Noemi Mena

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Kelly Swanson
Tom Kelley

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. White baskets are available at the first pew 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 No. 425

Let Us Break Bread Together

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE

God Be with You

God be with you; God be with you;
God be with you until we meet again.
God be with you; God be with you;
God be with you until we meet again.

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.

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 and 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

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 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.

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

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

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, 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.

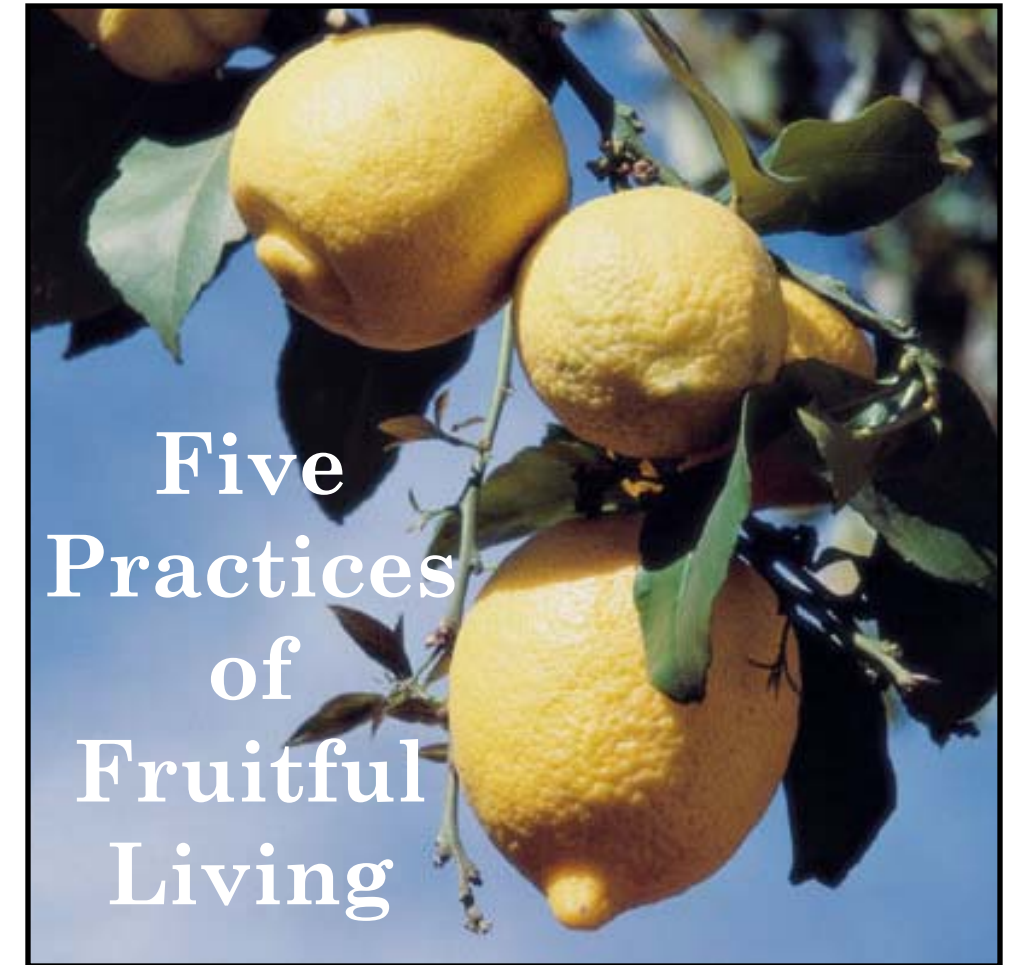
Follow the remaining steps.

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. 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 worshipping 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 OR cajwalsh@gmail.com



September 26, 2010
8:30 a.m.



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