

# World Communion Sunday

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Eva Moore  
Preacher: Steven Moore

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Johanes Brahms  
*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

John Near

Two Variations on the Communion Chant *Adoro Te*

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.

INTROIT J.S. Bach  
*O Bread of Life From Heaven*  
O bread of life from heaven, O food to pilgrims given, O manna from above:  
feed with the blessed sweetness of your divine completeness  
the souls that want and need your love.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE Insert  
RENDEZ A DIEU  
*Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Eva Moore  
Leader: Come, listen to the One  
**People: who calls seeds of faith to sprout from our hearts each new day.**  
Leader: Come, see the One  
**People: who nurtures seeds of faith with sunny grace and a fresh embrace.**  
Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, a rich soil that feeds the One  
**People: who blossoms seeds of faith into beauty, hope and love.**  
Leader: Come, rejoice in the One  
**People: whose harvest of wheat and grape we bless and share.**

✠OPENING PRAYER Unison  
**God of ever-blooming beauty,  
all the earth is fertile ground for the seeds of faith  
you have planted around and in us,  
which allow us the freedom  
to create in partnership with you all that is good and holy.  
We await the sun and rain  
of daily joys and pains that cause us to grow new life  
into a world that is reaching  
towards the evergreen fields of heavenly gardens. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Eva Moore  
NT p. 76  
  
Luke 17:5-10

ANTHEM Sheldon Curry  
*Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured*  
Let thy blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious body broken,  
be to me, O gracious Lord,  
of thy boundless love, the token. Thou didst give thyself to me.  
Now I give myself to thee.  
Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;  
all that love of God could bring Jesus by his sorrows gave me.  
Thou didst give thyself to me. Now I give myself to thee.  
By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound and the nailing,  
by the pain and death, I now claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.  
Thou didst give thyself to me. Now I give myself to thee.  
Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give thee;  
thou art my exalted king,  
of thy matchless love forgive me. Thou didst give thyself to me.  
Now I give myself to thee.  
*[Greek hymn text, translated by John Brownlie; setting composed in 2009]*

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 Steven Moore  
  
Increase our Faith!

## 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. 392  
UNION SEMINARY  
*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO César Franck  
*Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels)*  
Wayne Jennings, tenor

Bread of Angels made the bread of men; the bread of heaven  
puts an end to all symbols. A thing so wonderful: the Lord becomes our food;  
poor, a servant, and humble.  
We ask you, God, One in Three, that you will visit us, as we worship you,  
and lead us through your ways - we who wish to reach the light in which you dwell.  
*[13<sup>th</sup> century text by Thomas Aquinas; sung in Latin]*

✠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

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.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN No. 485 (1, 4)  
TALLIS' CANON  
*Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*  
Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.  
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,  
where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 622  
CWM RHONDDA  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

✠BENEDICTION Camille Saint-Saens  
POSTLUDE  
*Allegro from Fantasie 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

Today we gather with Christians around the world for World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, began in 1936 as a way for Presbyterians around the world to celebrate communion on one special day. Soon, this special Sunday became an ecumenical event. The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking. (Source: The National Council of Churches USA website)

During our service this morning, we welcome six of our members who will share with us bread from their country of origin; reminding us of the oneness we have with those around the world and with Christ. We welcome:

Verdia Haywood - Ethiopia  
Miriam Gentle - Cuba  
Samar and Sushila M. Chatterjee - India  
Jorge Docabo - Spain  
Terry Tullia - China  
Pauline Devinger - Russia

### 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>

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH  
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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

**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, OCTOBER 5

**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 continue our discussion on "Five Practices of Fruitful Living."

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

**Elders Meeting** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Howland Center.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

**Magical Mystical Musical Machine** from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Eugene Lavery from New York City, New York.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

**Congregational Meeting - 12:30 p.m., in the Howland Center featuring Dr. Stephen Gentle presenting our future story "NCCC New Beginnings."**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**In Sympathy** – Our thoughts and prayers are with Laurese Dancy and her family upon the death of Laurese's father, Julius Dancy, on September 29. Mr. Dancy lived in Washington, D. C.

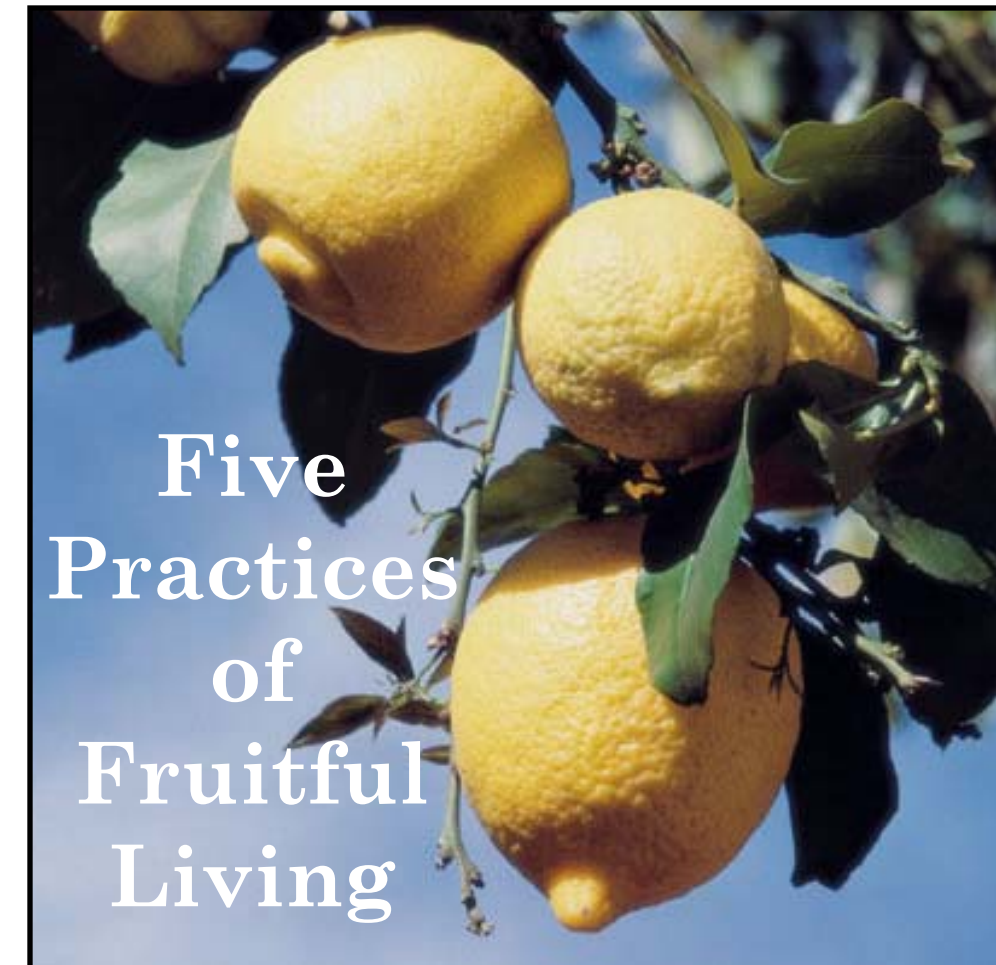
**In Sympathy** – Our thoughts and prayers are with Emma King and her family upon the death of Emma's brother, Nathaniel Lovick, in North Carolina.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Good Samaritan Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland



October 3, 2010  
11 a.m.



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