

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Beverly Goines
Preacher: Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Dan Lockliar

The Peace May Be Exchanged from Rubrics

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen arr. Dale Wood

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. 2
HYMN TO JOY
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

✠LITANY OF LABOR Steven Moore

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord of all creation, from whom comes life and work and purpose. Almighty God, when you formed us lovingly out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living.

People: You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it.

Leader: Through our work, you made us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live.

People: You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us.

Leader: By our labor, you enrich the world.

People: By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

Leader: By our labor, we find direction and purpose.

People: By our labor, our families are made secure.

Leader: For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who plow the field and those who make the plow; for farmers and farm workers, for steelworkers and machinists; for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for those who keep notes and those who transcribe:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who think and those who create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate:

People: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Leader: You bless us all with skills and gifts for labor.

People: You provide us opportunities to use them, for the benefit of others as well as ourselves.

Leader: Guard and protect those who labor in the world.

People: Bless the work of our hands, O Lord.

Leader: Look kindly upon the unemployed and the disabled.

People: Give health to the sick, hope to the bereaved.

Leader: Keep us from laboring only for greed.

People: Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Leader: Creator Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and purpose, you are the blessing of those who labor. Be with us in our labor to guide and govern our world. Give all men and women work that enhances human dignity and bonds us to one another. Give us pride in our work, a fair return for our labor, and joy in knowing that our work finds its source in you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 5 (4)
AZMON

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore
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James 2:1-10

VOCAL SOLO Aaron Copland

At the River

Alia Waheed, soprano

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's time will be hiatus this week and will return September 12.

SERMON Steven Moore
Working 9 to 5

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. 595
SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO arr. Moses Hogan

I've Got a Home in-a that Rock
Alia Waheed, soprano

✠DOXOLOGY No. 46
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: We are broken vessels, O God. You have watched us. You have called to us. You have blessed us and yet we have chosen our own flawed ways.

People: Please help us to tune our ears and our hearts to you, O God. Help us to seek peace and justice rather than greed and complacency.

Leader: As we gather around this table of joy and remembrance may you hold us dearly in your hands.

People: Enable us to place our trust in you that we may faithfully serve you all of our days.

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 Paul Heffron

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 321 (1)
BREAD OF LIFE

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page, I seek thee, Lord,
my spirit longs for thee, O living Word.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH insert
ORA LABORA

Come, Labor On

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE J.S. Bach

'Little' Fugue in G minor

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome! Your presence in worship fills us with joy. We pray that God's blessing will be upon your life and upon our life together as we worship the Lord. We join our voices of thanksgiving and praise to God with the millions of people around the world who are worshipping our Lord. This is the day the Lord has made!

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; Ann Howland; Enid Maitland;
Bob Mansker; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds;
Dick Taylor; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate;
all those affected by flooding; and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Heritage Christian Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

Classes for elementary, middle and high school students will be on summer hiatus until September 12.

Christian Pathways – an adult class for all ages meets in the 3rd Flr. Conf. room.

Children's Time – Is on hiatus this week and will resume September 12.

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the Woodard Family – Our best wishes to Keri and Eric Woodard on the birth of their firstborn--twins--on Monday, August 30--Fletcher John and Piper Elizabeth.

Pakistani Relief – How much more can the people of Pakistan handle? The flooding has been devastating and the damage done will take years--if not decades--from which to recover. Our hearts ache for our sisters and brothers in Pakistan. As always, you are there through Week of Compassion. Your gift is already at work in Pakistan, channeled through Church World Service and ACT Alliance. Your new gifts, marked "Pakistan Relief," will be used to respond to this overwhelming disaster. Thank you. Read more at www.weekofcompassion.org.

YADA (Young Adult) Retreat – On September 10-12, YADA is headed to Camp Mary Mac for a weekend of spiritual renewal led by our very own, Rev. Steven Moore. Contact Kristi Beckwith-Dane at welcometolondon@hotmail.com with questions. Registration forms will be available soon.

All Church Picnic – Mark your calendar for the all church picnic on Saturday afternoon, September 11, at Glencarlyn Park in Arlington from 3 p.m. till dark. Sign up in the Atrium to bring your favorite dish and to see what is still needed. Google Glencarlyn Park for directions or take the Orange Line to Ballston, catch the 25 bus to 3rd Street South on Carlyn Springs Road, then walk a few blocks to the park.

Regional CWF Fall Gathering – September 18 at University Christian Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitty Shaver will be speaking on the East African Education Initiative. Reservations are necessary. The registration forms are in the Atrium and must be returned by September 13.

Disciples Women – Our Fall Kick-Off will be Tuesday, September 14, at 11 a.m. in the Music Suite with Mary Ann Brown bringing us the program, Paula Engle the devotional, and Circle 1 will host. There will be a salad to add to the sandwich that you bring.

Needed – New Sunday School teachers are needed for children's classes beginning September 12. Materials will be provided. We need different teachers for the pre-school children during the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, and teachers for the elementary aged children from 10 to 10:45 a.m. For more information or to volunteer please contact Teresa Swihart.

Working 9 to 5



New Beginnings

September 5, 2010
11 a.m.



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