

80th Anniversary Celebration

9:30 a.m. Gospel Prelude 10 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leaders: Nicholas Bullock, Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, Lari Grubbs, Morris Jackson, Noemi Mena and Steven Moore
Preacher: Peter Morgan

GOSPEL PRELUDE

Led by Valeria Foster and the NCCC Gospel Choir

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord

Esther Watanabe

I will bless Thee, O Lord! I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!

With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise,
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!
(repeat)

O Magnify the Lord

O magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised!
O magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised!
Hosanna! Blessed be the rock; blessed be the rock of my salvation!
Hosanna! Blessed be the rock; blessed be the rock of my salvation!
(repeat)

We've Come This Far by Faith

Albert Goodson

We've come this far by faith leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in his holy word, he's never failed me yet.
Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

You Are My All in All

Dennis L. Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek,
You are my All in All.

Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my All in All!

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

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

Charles Miller

O Give Thanks to the Lord

Composed for the 80th Anniversary of National City Christian Church

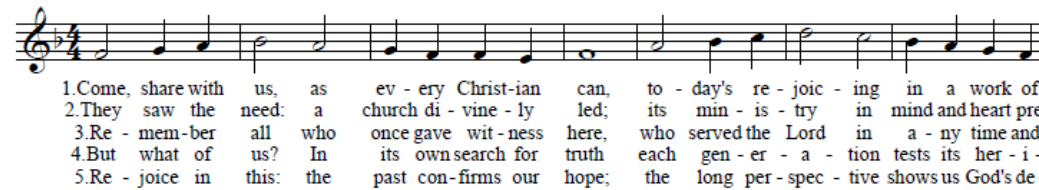
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble;
and gather them in from the east, west, north, south.
(Psalm 107: 1-3, paraphrased)

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

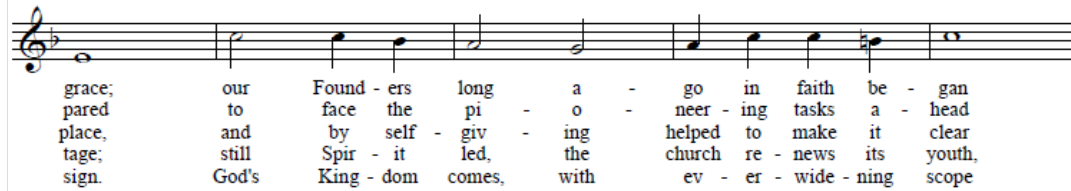
✠HYMN OF GATHERING

TOULON

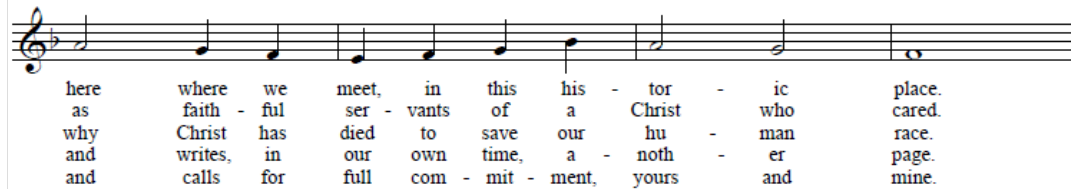
Come Share With Us



1. Come, share with us, as ev - ery Christ - ian can, to - day's re - joic - ing in a work of
2. They saw the need: a church di - vine - ly led; its min - is - try in mind and heart pre
3. Re - mem - ber all who once gave wit - ness here, who served the Lord in a - ny time and
4. But what of us? In its own search for truth each gen - er - a - tion tests its her - i -
5. Re - joice in this: the past con - firms our hope; the long per - spec - tive shows us God's de -



grace; our Found - ers long a - go in faith be - gan
pared to face the pi - o - neer - ing tasks a - head
place, and by self - giv - ing helped to make it clear
tage; still Spir - it led, the church re - news its youth,
sign. God's King - dom comes, with ev - er - wide - ning scope



here where we meet, in this his - tor - ic place.
as faith - ful face the ser - vants of a Christ who cared.
why Christ has died to save our hu - man race.
and writes, in our own time, a - noth - er page.
and calls for full com - mit - ment, yours and mine.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: God, whom we gather to worship,

People: knows the gifts of sacrifice and love that went into the building of this place of worship.

Leader: God, the origin and destiny of our history,

People: loves the hosts of persons who have ushered worshipers to their places, who have sung the gospel and lifted prayers in harmony, who have served as prophets in the pulpit, who have presided over baptisms, and who have served the sacred meal.

Leader: God, the Alpha and Omega,

People: calls us to join the saints of the ages in service and praise.

Leader: Come, lift your prayers.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 16 (2)
NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nicholas Bullock
OT p. 191

Joshua 4:1-7

ANTHEM

Jack Ossewarde

Christ is Our Cornerstone

NCCC Sanctuary Choir and Choir Alumni

Christ is our cornerstone: on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.
O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise, the Three in One to sing.
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious Name.
Here may we gain from heaven the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given, be with us evermore.
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.
Now to the King of Heaven, our cheerful voices raise.
To him be glory given, all majesty and praise.
Wide as he reigns his name be sung by every tongue in endless strains. Amen!

SERMON

Peter Morgan

If These Stones Could Speak

PRESENTATIONS

Stephen Gentle

Fredrickia Lloyd, Ann Neeriemer, Lari Grubbs, John Arterberry, Peter Morgan,
Diana Morse, Noemi Mena, Drusilla McCain, Barbara Boward, Loretta Tate,
John Scott Williams, Steven Moore, Lynne Morgan, Barbara Collins, Charles Miller,

SEALING OF THE ARK

Morris Jackson

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD AND CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

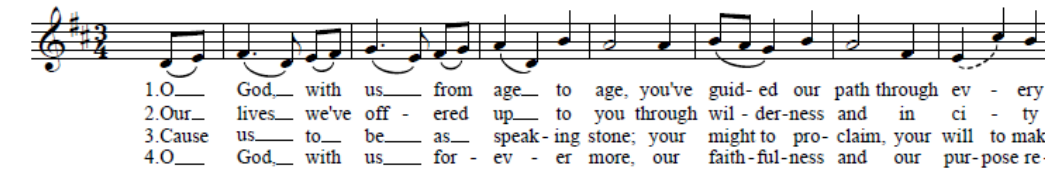
Those desiring to become members of the community of National City Christian Church, either by transfer of membership, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✠HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

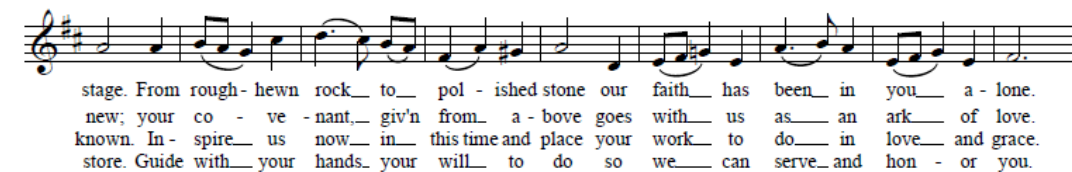
PETERLYNNE

O God, With Us From Age to Age

*Text and tune was composed by Charles Miller for the 80th Anniversary of NCCC
and in honor of Dr. Peter and Lynne Morgan*



1. O God, with us from age to age, you've guid-ed our path through ev - ery
2. Our lives, we've off - ered up to you through wil - der-ness and in ci - ty
3. Cause us to be as speak - ing stone; your might to pro - claim, your will to make
4. O God, with us for - ev - er more, our faith - ful-ness and our pur - pose re -



stage. From rough - hewn rock to pol - ished stone our faith has been in you a - lone.
new; your co - ve - nant, giv'n from a - bove goes with us as an ark of love.
known. In - spire us now in this time and place your work to do in love and grace.
store. Guide with your hands, your will to do so we can serve and hon - or you.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Steven Moore

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

W. Sterndale Bennett

God is a Spirit

This anthem was sung by the NCCC soloists quartet at the dedication services in 1930

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.
For the Father seeketh such to worship him.
(John 4: 23-24)

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Noemi Mena

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Will Lang

Leader: We remember from scripture an ark carried on a journey of hope. God was present. We learn from scripture that at the opening of heaven there will be an ark. God will be present. With memory and hope, come to this table aware of the presence of God throughout life and life eternal.

People: We celebrate the presence of the living Christ in the memory of our Lord's life, death and resurrection. Loving God, we offer to you our memories and our hopes even as we pray the prayer he taught us.

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

Barbara Boward

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Stephen Gentle

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. 396 (4)

UNA ESPIGA

Una Espiga (Sheaves of Summer)

Sing first in Spanish, then in English.

En la mesa de Dios se sentarán, como hijos su pan compartirán,
una misma esperanza caminando contarán, en la vida como hermanos se amarán.

At God's table together we shall sit. As God's children, Christ's body we will share.

One same hope we will sing together as we walk along,
brothers, sisters, in life, in love, we'll be.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 272

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Charles-Marie Widor

Toccata from Symphony #5

As the organ postlude is played, please leave out the main front doors and gather on the front steps for our 80th Anniversary Photo. Persons with mobility challenges are invited to remain at the top of the steps.

After the photo please join us in Scott Hall for our 80th Anniversary luncheon. All are invited. The price is \$11 for adults and \$7 for children.

The flowers were given by Kathleen Swihart
in honor of Teresa Swihart and Carla and Bill 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.

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 memberships 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 10 a.m. worship service. If you are interested, please meet at the Garfield Window in the rear of the sanctuary (pulpit side).

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.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome! Today we celebrate 80 years! This unique ministry is held in trust for all Disciples and it is a gathering place for Christian transformation in our nation's capital.

Historian-in-Residence Dr. Peter Morgan is our pulpit guest. Dr. Morgan is President Emeritus for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. We are grateful to Dr. Morgan and his wife, Lynne, for all of their careful work that has gone into the celebration of this day – from worship planning, to “strolling among the scrolls” and just about everything else in between.

On this blessed day, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord on the occasion of our 80th Anniversary!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Sunday School Classes and Children's Time – Will resume next weekend.

80th Anniversary Luncheon – Immediately after our group photo (on the front steps) please join us for luncheon. The meal is \$11 for adults and \$7 for children.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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.”

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

Magical Mystical Musical Machine from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Neil Weston from Falls Church, Virginia.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rummage Sale – Don't forget to bring items for the church rummage sale being held on October 30. Please bring all items to the church Atrium by 4 p.m. Friday, October 29. 80% of all funds generated by the sale will go to National City's general budget. 10 % will go to the Regional Capital Campaign. And the remaining 10% will go to the Disciples Mission Fund.

Working Luncheon – Volunteers are needed Sunday, October 24, to help sort items for the rummage sale. Lorraine Magnussen will provide lunch. Please meet in the Atrium following the 11 a.m. service.

General Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Howland Center. Agenda for the quarterly meeting includes receiving from the nominating committee the proposed slate of officers, chairs, and board members for 2012.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 21, 12:30 p.m., Scott Hall. The agenda includes voting for the 2012 slate of officers, chairs, and board members for elders, deacons, deaconesses, and local trustees.

Audio Recording – Tapes of the sermon from the 10 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

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; 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

Bethany Beach Christian Church, Bethany Beach, Delaware

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

National City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

80th Anniversary Celebration October 17, 2010



What Do These Stones Mean?

Joshua 4:6