

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, 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

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.

Hallelujah: You're Worthy

Hallelujah! You're worthy to be praised!
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I lift my hands; I praise you, Lord.
I bow my head; I honor you, Lord.
I lift my hands; I praise you, Lord.
I bow my head; I honor you, Lord.

✠OPENING HYMN No. 543

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Steven Moore

Leader: Grace to you and peace, from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us worship God.

People: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

People: for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 60 (1)

Cantemos al Señor

✠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. 117

He Is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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 Kirk Franklin

Now Behold the Lamb

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore

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Mark 13:32-41

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 115

There's Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Getting Ready for the End

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 No. 703 (1, 3-5)

When All Is Ended

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Michelle Jezycki
Cecil Talbott

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. 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. 587

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE Andraé Crouch

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.
(repeat)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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.

The flowers were given by Cole Murphy
in memory of parents and grandparents.

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 Worship! This Sunday we are considering the issue of the end of the world and May 21. What do the Holy Scriptures and the Christian faith teach about the "End Times"? Is May 21 the day? This we know for sure: *This* is the day the Lord has made. So let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Today is the third Sunday of the month, our traditional day to bring items for the food pantry. Checks or cash are also appreciated.

FOR OUR GUESTS

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.

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.

EN ESPAÑOL – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

Parking – Complimentary parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel parking garage. Simply ask for a voucher at the church front desk at the 14th street entrance. Street parking is available every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west ramp off Thomas Circle, which leads to Massachusetts Avenue.

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>.

TODAY

Dog Blessing – Join us on the steps at 10 a.m. for the annual blessing of the dogs. All are invited!

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults are starting a series on spiritual disciplines led by Miriam Gentle. Disciples Space is a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. Gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). For more information please contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Featured this week is Michael Lodico from Washington, D.C.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Steven Moore Farewell Luncheon - Sunday, May 22, at 12:30 p.m. Join us in wishing Steven Moore well at our Congregational Luncheon as he continues on his personal journey by becoming a Senior Pastor at Lafayette Christian Church. Please sign up in the Atrium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Mic Night - Yada is planning a summer community open mic night at NCCC. If you are interested in helping to plan please contact Katie Blaisdell at katie@blaisdells.net. Also let us know if you know any local musicians!

Regional Church Summer Camps are Coming! - There are fun camps for ALL ages in the mountains and at the beach. Details are available at <http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp>.

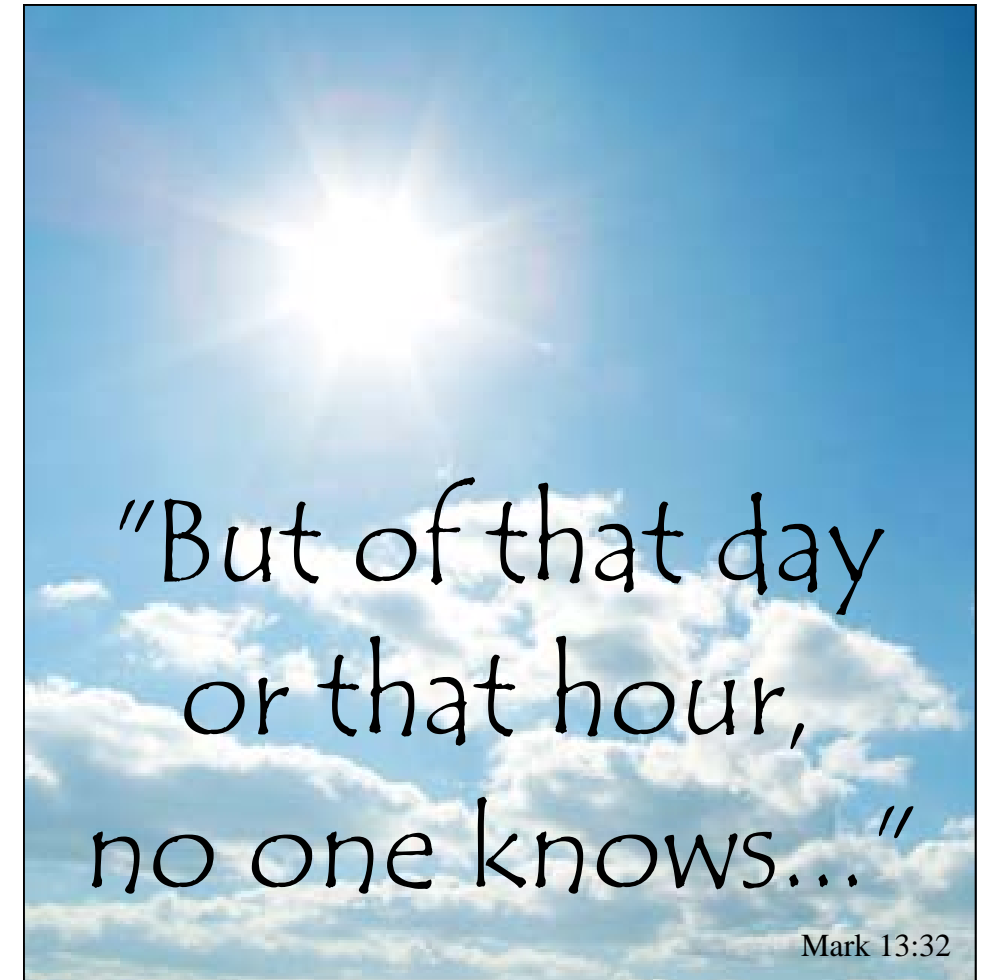
PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Campbell; James Green; Roy Hatton; Will Hill;
William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Lynne Parrish; Hilda Reynolds;
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Hyattstown Christian Church, Hyattstown, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH



**May 15, 2011
8:30 a.m.**



**National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**