

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Charles Miller, Steven Moore
and Beverly Williams
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagio from *Symphony #5* Charles-Marie Widor

Prelude on Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Charles Callahan

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 email 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

Come Before His Presence
Come before his presence with thanksgiving.
Let us praise him with a joyful song.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 699
DARWALL'S 148th

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

✠OPENING PRAYER

Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE SONG

Beverly Williams
No. 702

All Things New

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Williams
NT p. 48

Mark 13:32-41

ANTHEM

Everett Titcomb

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless
I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.
And your heart shall be joyful: Alleluia.

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

Stephen Gentle

Getting Ready for the End

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 COMMITMENT

No. 703
SINE NOMINE

When All is Ended

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Paul Manz

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed up from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our God, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come. Sing holy, holy Lord.
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon. For Christ is coming soon.
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more.
They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun. For Christ will be their all.

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 46
OLD HUNDREDT

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Will Lang

Elder: Lord God, we have found a home in You; We have found a family in You; We have found a place to belong; to know and be known; to love and be loved. And we are so grateful for this awesome gift.

People: But, too easily, we forget the benefits it brings; We have forgotten our place, and doubted Your love; Remind us, and all who feel neglected by You, that we are engraved on Your hands. We have forgotten who we are, and have failed to care for ourselves; Remind us, and all who feel worthless, that You have called us by name. We have forgotten our connectedness, and have divided ourselves;

Remind us, and all who would exclude, oppress and condemn others, that we are all made in Your image, and we are all one body.

Elders: For the sake of Jesus, who loved us to the death, and whose love conquered the grave, Forgive us, hear our prayer, And teach us to be one again.

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.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Eric Woodard

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 392 (2)
UNION SEMINARY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver, break the bread and bless the cup.
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 67
ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

Praeludium in C Major

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.

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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

Elders Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center.

Deacons Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Deaconesses Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

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

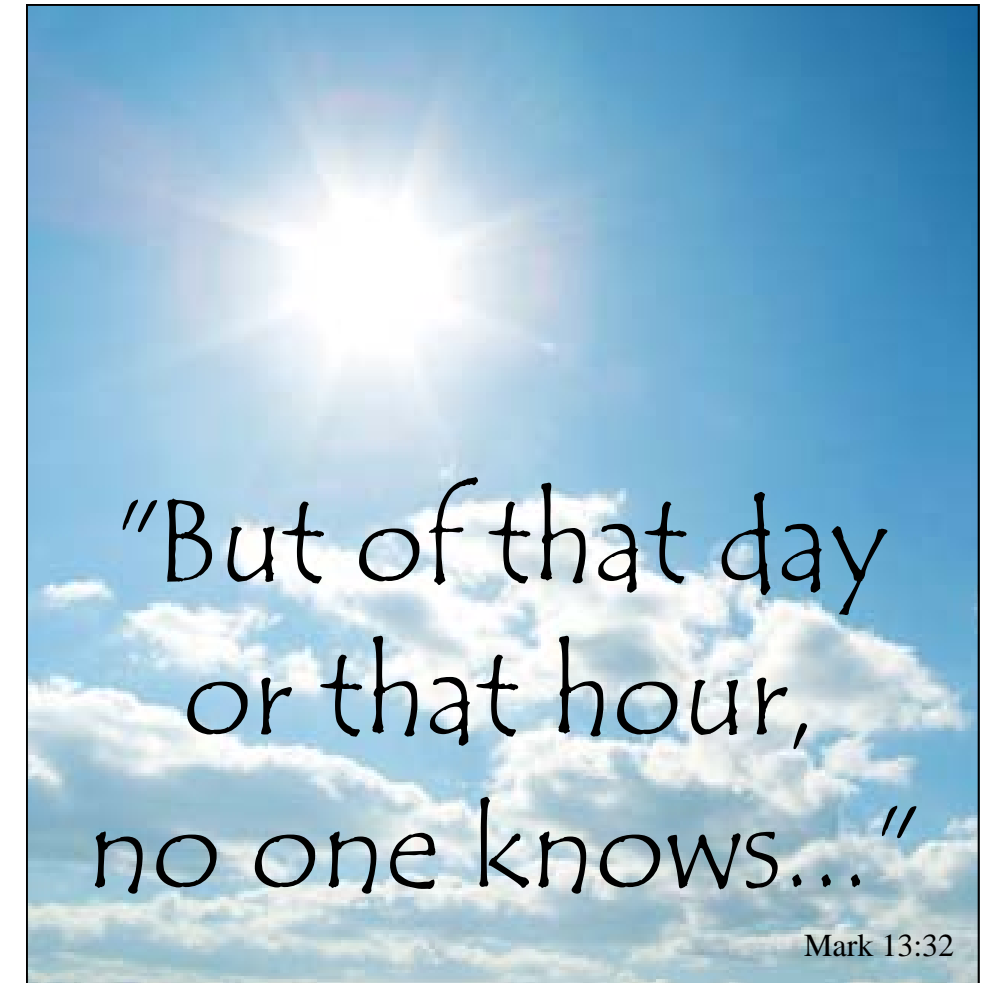
Jane Campbell; James Green; Roy Hatton; Will Hill;
William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Lynne Parrish; Hilda Reynolds;
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Hyattstown Christian Church, Hyattstown, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

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May 15, 2011
11 a.m.



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