

Second Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Noemi Mena, 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

In the Presence of Jehovah arr. Walter Owens, Jr.
In the presence of Jehovah,
God almighty, Prince of Peace,
Troubles vanish, hearts are mended
In the presence of the King!
(repeat)

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me No. 529
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
Singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me;
Singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
Singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 228

The Day of Resurrection!
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen and the Lord is here.
People: **Christ is risen and the Spirit dwells among us. Alleluia.**
Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen, for God has worked wonders.
People: **Christ is risen in glory and power forever. Alleluia**

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

He's Alive!

The_ Lord is ris_ en from the dead. The_ Lord is ris_ en,
as_ he said. He's a - live! He's a - live! He's a - live!

✠ 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 Glenn E. Burleigh
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Born to Die

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena
NT p. 110
John 20:19-31

HYMN OF PREPARATION David Haas

Without Seeing You
Without seeing you we love you.
Without touching you we embrace.
Without knowing you we follow.
Without seeing you we believe.
(repeat)

SERMON Stephen Gentle

I Doubt It

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. 218 (2, 3)

Thine Is the Glory

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Tom Kelley
Will Lang

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. 206

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE

He Got Up!
Death, where is your sting?
Sting, where is your grave?
Grave, where is your victory?
He got up! God raised him up!
He got up; all power's in his hands!

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.

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! Welcome to “Calm” Sunday – the Sunday after Easter is always remarkably different from Easter and certainly “calmer.” While the resurrection is still celebrated today, churches all over the world experience even smaller attendance than normal! Why is that? Easter is not over! Because Easter is not a Sunday... it is a season. And for the remaining 50 days, and eight Sundays, we will sing, rejoice, and walk around the empty tomb – still proclaiming that he lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

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>.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Fair Trade Sidewalk Sale – Ten Thousand Villages of Alexandria will host a Fair Trade promotional sidewalk sale along with Hilda’s Fair Trade Shop starting at 9 a.m. Ten percent of the proceeds from Ten Thousand Villages artisan sales will be donated to National City. Stop by the 14th street entrance of Hilda’s to learn more about Fair Trade and support the efforts of fairly paid artisans in more than 30 developing countries by purchasing their handcrafted goods.

On Retreat – Our Chi Rho campers are at Camp Mary Mac this weekend along with Kathleen Simpson, the director, and cook Teresa Swihart.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Disciples Women – Tuesday, May 3, at 11 a.m., in the Music Suite. Rev. Lari Grubbs, regional minister of the Christian Church Capital Area, will present a program on Disciples women in mission. All are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a sandwich and stay for lunch and fellowship.

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults are meeting for a special discussion this Tuesday led by Katie Blaisdell. 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 4

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

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dog Blessing – All canine friends and their caregivers are invited to meet on the steps of National City Christian Church on Sunday, May 15, at 10 a.m. for a special blessing of the dogs service. All are invited to participate on this joyful occasion.

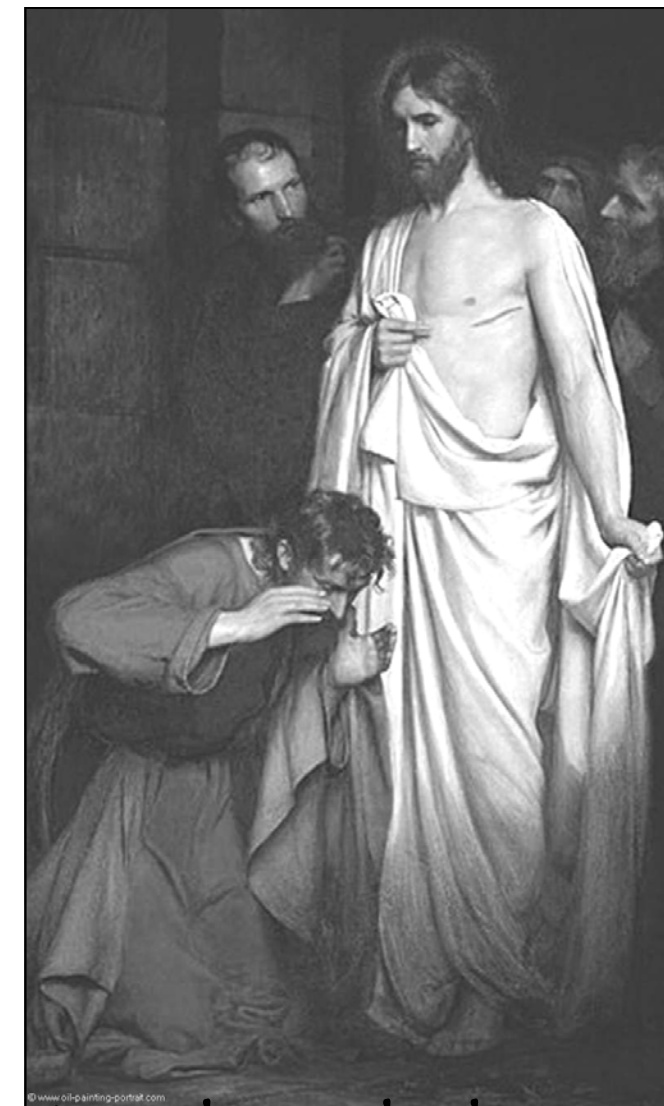
PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Campbell; James Green; Roy Hatton; Polly He;
Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.; Ruth Lee; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Mary Paradise; Hilda Reynolds;
Robert Rock; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

United Christian Church, Lexington Park, Maryland

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



Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.
John 20:29

May 1, 2011
8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)