

# Second Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Sara Imhulse, and Steven Moore  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds* G.P. Telemann

*Prelude on Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* David Cherwien

### 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.

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 215  
ST. KEVIN

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

### ✠OPENING PRAYER

Steven Moore

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### RESPONSIVE SONG

No. 365 (1, 3)

*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

### BAPTISM

Jessica Max

### ANTHEM

G.F. Handel

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* from *Messiah*  
Alia Waheed, soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead – the first fruits of them that sleep.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Sara Imhulse  
NT p. 110

John 20:19-31

### 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

*I Doubt It*

## 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.

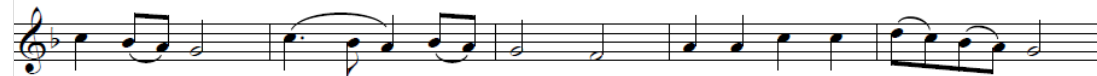
### ✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT

LLANFAIR

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*



1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia! Glo-rious to His  
2. See! He lifts His hands a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia! See! He shows the  
3. There the glor-ious tri-umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia! Lift your heads e -



na - tive skies, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ ap - pears to us on earth,  
prints of love, Al - le - lu - ia! Hark! His grac - ious lips be - stow,  
ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ has con- quered death and sin,



Al - le - lu - ia! Rad - iant now in his re - birth, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Bless ings on His church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Take the King of Glo - ry in, Al - le - lu - ia!

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

### OFFERTORY SOLO

C. Austin Miles

*I Come to the Garden Alone*

Alia Waheed, Soprano

[Text for this hymn may be found on page 227 in the Chalice Hymnal.]

### ✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Travis

Elder: Holy Source of all goodness, we give you thanks and praise for your dwelling among us in Christ Jesus.

**People: Gracious, Almighty God, you have brought your son Jesus back from death. May we hear his voice when he calls us back from all our failures, to send us into the world as disciples. Fill our hands with healing help and our lives with the bread of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Elder: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through Christ's resurrection from the dead.

**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

Ann Neeriemer

### 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. 231 (3)  
HOLY MANNA

*Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us*

Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near.  
Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from every fear.  
In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn,  
if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 218  
MACCABEUS

*Thine is the Glory*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Charles-Marie Widor

*Toccata from Symphony #5*

*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.*

### 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)



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

May 1, 2011  
11 a.m.



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