

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines,
Noemi Mena, and Steven Moore
Guest Preacher: Dick Hamm

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 Mike Fay & Tommy Coomes

As We Gather

As we gather may your Spirit work within us,
as we gather may we glorify your Name.
knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
we'll be blessed because we came,
we'll be blessed because we came.
(repeat)

O Magnify the Lord

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

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 27 (1-3)

Come, Thou Almighty King

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Stephen Gentle

Leader: The One who shaped the universe, crafts us into a community of faith:
People: A people to shelter the homeless, a family to feed the hungry.
Leader: The One who made the animals on the land and the fish of the sea, shapes us in the divine image:
People: So we can glow with grace as we welcome the lost and the least.
Leader: The One who blesses us with rolling hills and flowing rivers, gifts us with the way, the truth, and the life:
People: So we can go to tell the story, to bring healing to a broken world.
Leader: With you, Gracious God, we find the nourishment we need to follow Jesus. With you, we are cemented, by your grace and love, with others into your community of hope. We seek you as the way, and the truth, and the life.
All: Alleluia, Amen!

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 41

Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

✠ 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. 559 (1, 2)

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see.

PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

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

God Is a Good God arr. Valeria Foster

Singing of Jesus Carol Antrom

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines
NT p. 103

John 14:1-7

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 595 (1, 2)

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
save that thou art thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

SERMON Dick Hamm

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

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. 612 (1, 4)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me, my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Steven Moore

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP David McKinney
Shana Pereira

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. 422

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE arr. Valeria Foster

As You Go, Tell the World

As you go, tell the world; as you go, tell the world;
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.
(repeat)

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 Stephen Gentle with deep appreciation for Steven Moore and his excellent ministry among us.

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 welcome to the pulpit, The Reverend Dr. Richard "Dick" Hamm. Dr. Hamm is the chairperson of the National City Christian Church Foundation Board of Trustees, that met on May 20 and 21, and the executive administrator at Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. Dr. Hamm has written and spoken extensively on the subject of church renewal and is now bringing that knowledge to bear on congregations and other church organizations through consulting and coaching as a partner at The Columbia Partnership. From 1993 to 2003, Dr. Hamm served the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada as our General Minister and President. We are so honored and delighted to welcome Dr. Hamm and his wife, Mindy, to National City Christian Church.

EVERY SUNDAY

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth, and adults

Classes for elementary students will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

Classes for middle and high school students will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Christian Pathways – Small group led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center

Children's Time – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program that takes place during the 11 a.m. service. Children can meet their parents in the Music Suite or in the Atrium at the end of the worship service.

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>.

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

TODAY

Global Mission – Come hear David Coatsworth share about the exciting work of mission around the world at Christian Pathways at 10 a.m. in the Howland Center. David is the Executive for Financial Development in the Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ. The United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) share together a common board of global ministries. David is also a member of the NCCC Foundation Board of Trustees.

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.

Fair Trade Gifts, Crafts, and Coffee – Hilda's International Gift Shop is open today from 10 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

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 25

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

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Featured this week is Henk DeVries from the Netherlands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Concert – On Saturday, June 4, at 8 p.m., in the Sanctuary, The Congressional Chorus and The American Youth Chorus will present the concert entitled "CINEMAGIC," featuring great choral works that have been used as part of Hollywood film scores. Works from movies such as Amadeus, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Henry V, Amistad, and many more. General admission tickets are \$25 and are available at the door or online in advance at www.chorusmarket.org.

Thank You National City - Thank you to each and every National City member who has contributed dry goods and the wonderful money donations every third week of the month to the Food Pantry. As the weeks go by there is an increase in the homeless and those in need of help while at the same time, a decrease in our financial balances continues. Thank you again and God bless! From the Food Pantry Staff.

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!

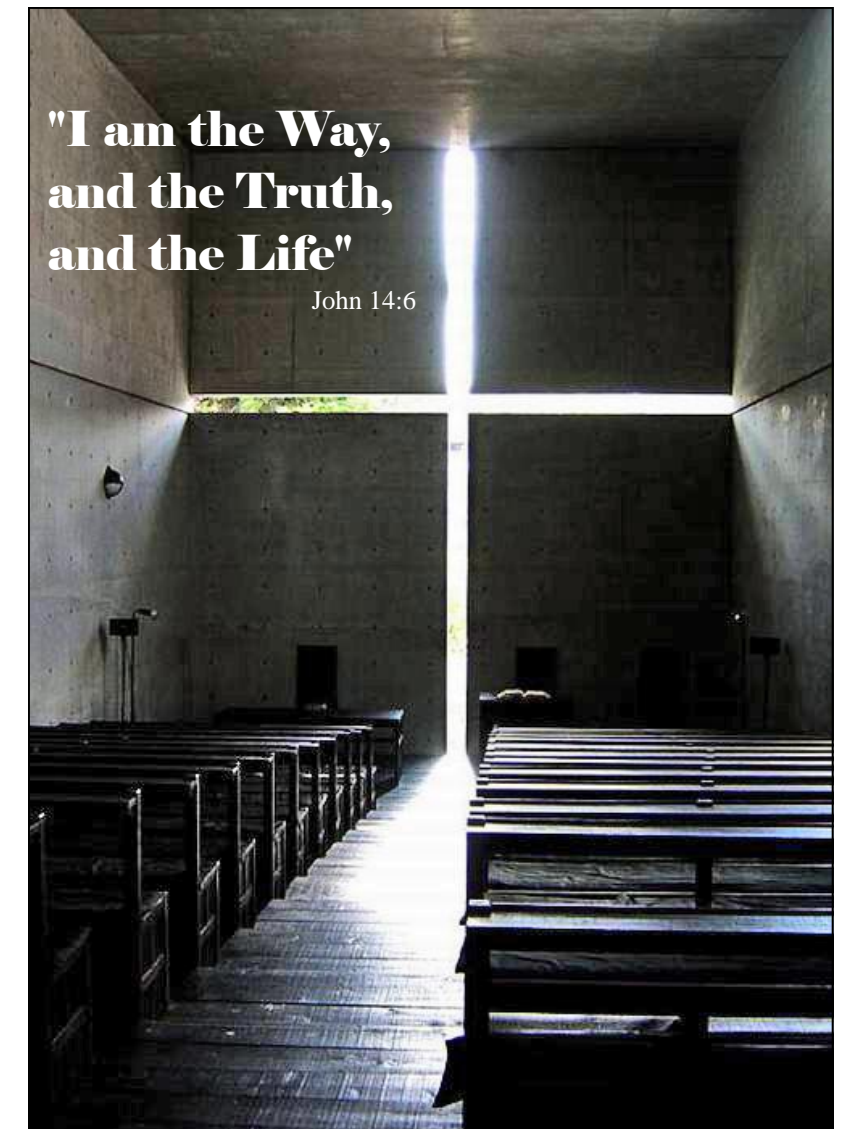
Regional Church Summer Camps are Coming! - There are fun camps for ALL ages in the mountains and at the beach. Details are available at <http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp>.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Campbell; James Green; Roy Hatton; Polly He; 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

Mary Mac and Bethany Beach Campgrounds, Programming, and Staff



May 22, 2011
8:30 a.m.



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