

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude Modale Jean Langlais

Be Thou My Vision arr. Dale Wood

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

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

Let the Name of the Lord Be Praised

Let the name of the Lord be praised from this time forth, forever more.

From the rising of the sun 'til its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.
(Psalm 113:1-3)

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 2
HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE SONG

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 God's community of hope. We seek you as the way, and the truth, and the life.

All: Alleluia, Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 432
ST. PETER

O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Williams
NT p. 103

John 14:1-7

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

ANTHEM

David H. Williams

Sing Alleluia Forth

Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise, ye citizens of heaven;

O sweetly raise an endless Alleluia.

Ye powers that stand before the eternal light,
let all your choirs re-echo to the height an endless Alleluia.
Then let the Holy City raise the strain, and with glad songs
resounding wake again an endless Alleluia.

Ye who have fought and joined the heavenly throng,
ye victors now take up the eternal song: an endless Alleluia.

Yours songs of triumph shall forever ring,
the hymns which tell the honor of your King – an endless Alleluia.

Such song is rest and food and deep delight to saints forgiven;
let them all unite in endless Alleluia. Almighty Christ,
to thee our voices sing glory forever more.
To thee we bring an endless 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

Dick Hamm

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

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. 595
SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Alia Waheed, soprano

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Barbara Boward

Elder: Lord Jesus Christ, you show us the way – the risky way which you took. The way which challenges all that is evil and destructive. We confess that too often we choose the easy and non-threatening way which allows evil to triumph and denies people the opportunity to live an abundant life.

People: Forgive us, Lord, when we lose direction and so fail to follow your way.

Elder: Lord Jesus Christ, you speak the word of truth which brings good news to the poor, freedom to those who are oppressed and enslaved, and healing to those whose lives lack wholeness. We confess that too often our minds are swayed by the media's 'truth' which can be so contrary to the gospel.

People: Forgive us, Lord, when our lives deny the truth of your words and your deeds.

Elder: Lord Jesus Christ, you give us the gift of life – emptying yourself of all self-serving power in order to empower others with your beautiful life and selfless love. We confess that we like to use power to further our own purposes, even if it contributes to the powerlessness of others.

People: Forgive us, Lord, when our desire for power and status is stronger than our desire to make your life visible through us.

Elder: Lord Jesus Christ, remind us that the landscape of God's grace becomes clearer when we follow your way.

People: The sound of God's voice is easier to hear when our lives speak your truth,

Elder: The heartbeat of your love throbs within us, when our lives bear witness to your life. For we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray saying:

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

Tom Kelley

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. 349 (2)
GORDON

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 272
AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

Trumpet Tune in D

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 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.

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!

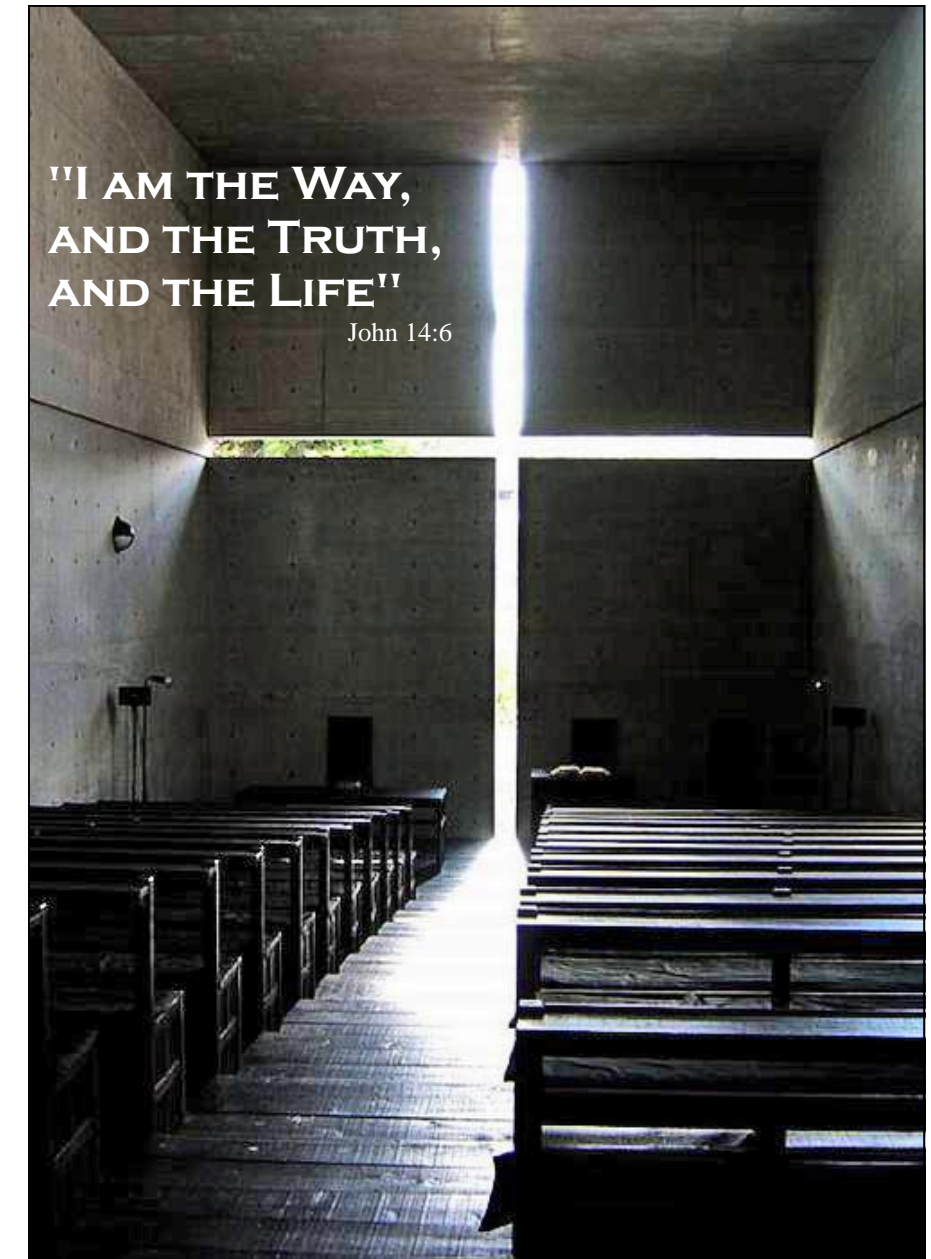
Regional Church Summer Camps are Coming! - There are fun camps for ALL ages in the mountains and at the beach. Details are available at <http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp>.

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
11 a.m.



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