

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Steven Moore
Preachers: Stephen Gentle and Noemi Mena

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

There's Something About That Name No. 115
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!
(repeat)

Mighty Is Our God Eugene Greco
Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King;
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name;
His power is greater, for he has created everything.
Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King;
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 29
Alabaré

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Steven Moore

Leader: When God's word comes upon the world, the world is never again the same. An old age ends – a new age begins. *Cuando la palabra de Dios descende sobre el mundo, el mundo jamas es el mismo. Una vieja era termina-una nueva era comienza.*

People: God calls us to speak the word of tolerance and inclusion in an increasingly intolerant and exclusive world. *Dios nos llama a proclamar palabras de tolerancia e inclusion en un mundo donde aumenta la intolerancia y la exclusion.*

Leader: Jesus calls us to take the risk of total commitment; to follow Christ throughout the world. *Jesus nos llama a que tomemos el riesgo del compromiso total: de seguir a Cristo por todo el mundo.*

People: God's word has come again to the world. Let the old age end. Let the new day begin! *La palabra de Dios ha descendido sobre el mundo nuevamente. Permitamos que termine la vieja era. Permitamos que el nuevo dia comience!*

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 41

Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(repeat)

✠ 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. 111

Santo, Santo, Santo

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
Let's Praise the Lord Judith Christie-McAllister

Siyahamba No. 442

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore
NT p. 40
Mark 7:24-30

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 600 (1-3)

Jesu, Jesu

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you
Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
refrain

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near and far away.
refrain

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.
refrain

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Noemi Mena

Breaking Bread or Fighting Over Crumbs

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. 493

Somos Uno en Cristo

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Eric Woodard
William Travis

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. 393
One Bread, One Body

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE

May You Run and Not Be Weary
May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
To give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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 in honor of Lynne Morgan and Howard Sears.

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! Your presence in worship today fills us with joy. Let us worship the one, eternal God who has created us and all of life and give thanks for Christ who binds us together in Christian love. Today we welcome Rev. Noemi Mena to the pulpit of National City Christian Church as we consider our Christian response to the immigration issues in our country.

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! – We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship at National City Christian Church. Please take a moment and sign the *Connect With Us* card in the bulletin. Indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. Please place it in the offering tray.

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. In addition, the sanctuary has an assisted listening system; please request a receiver from an usher.

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. As you enter the circle heading south on 14th St. take the 2nd exit toward Massachusetts Ave.; street parking is on the right.

Audio Recording – Tapes of the sermon from the 11 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. Tapes may be ordered by completing the form at the reception desk in the Atrium or by calling the church office. Please add \$2 per tape for mailing. Messages are also available for download at www.nationalcitycc.org

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>.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Sarah Birdsong; James Green; Roy Hatton; Polly He; Will Hill;
William C. Howland, Jr.; Ruth Lee; Gary Lewis; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Lynn Parrish; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;
Howard Sears; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church of Edgemere, Baltimore, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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 3rd Floor Conference Room.

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

Pastor's Class – If you are interested in learning about baptism and church membership this class is for you! Classes will meet at 9:50 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

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.

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, MARCH 1

Disciples Women Meeting and Luncheon – At 11 a.m. in the Music Suite. Speaker will be Steven Schacht. All are invited and encouraged to bring a sandwich and stay for lunch following the meeting. Circle 1 will provide a snack.

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults conclude our 4-week series "Christians and Poverty" this Tuesday. This week's topic is "Solidarity or Patronage?" It's 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.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

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

The Thoughtful Christian Small Group – This week's discussion will be on immigration, led by Kathleen Simpson at 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Gift Shop.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series featuring Roman Krasnosvsky from Israel, at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

The Thoughtful Christian Small Group – This week's discussion will be on immigration, led by Bill Knight at 10-11:30 a.m. in the Gift Shop.

Model of Ministry/Leadership Meeting – At 9 to 11 a.m., Howland Center. This involves team leaders and committee chairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

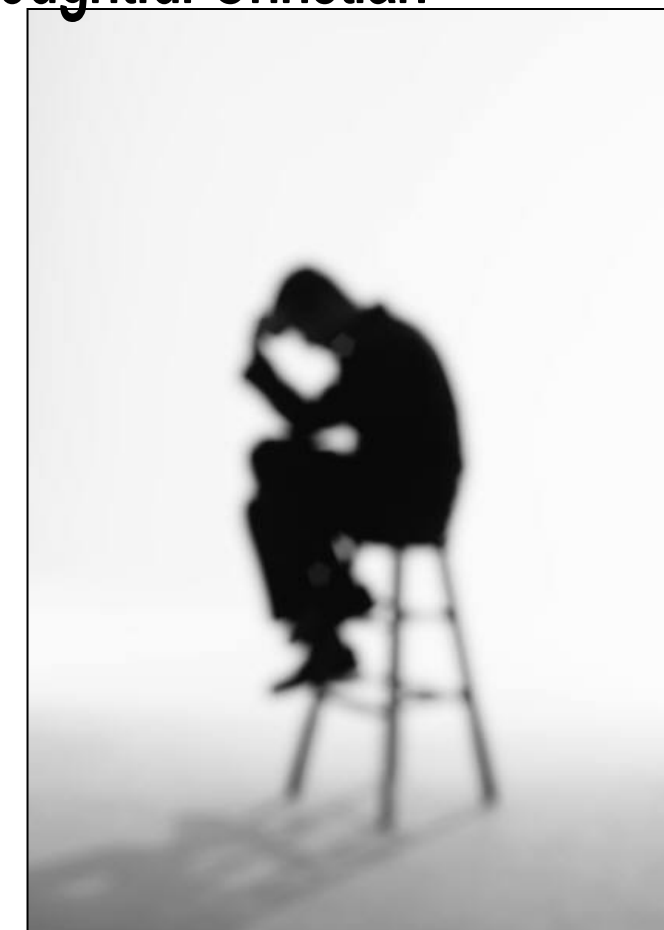
Gospel Worship Service Meeting – Sunday, March 6, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary. All interested persons are invited to a discussion concerning the 8:30 a.m. Gospel Worship Service, sharing ideas on how we can help provide a greater witness to our community.

Ash Wednesday Service – As we begin the Lenten journey, join us for a special Ash Wednesday service on March 9. We will begin with a soup supper. The soup will be available from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the service will begin at 7 p.m.

Yada Service – Feeling Crafty? In this year's Lenten study, titled "Who do you say that I am?," we will explore a different "I am" statement that Jesus makes each week. We're looking for volunteers to help prepare the lesson and materials each week. If you think you might be interested in gathering craft supplies or preparing small items for our study each week, please contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days – Ecumenical Advocacy Days will take place this year March 25-28 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia. For more information, visit www.advocacydays.org. There will be a special free event for Disciples on Saturday, March 26, at 7 p.m. More information will soon be available at www.dawnccca.org.

The Thoughtful Christian



February 27, 2011

8:30 a.m.



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