

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

El Flautista Alegre Ramon Noble
Improvisation on *Principio*

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 e-mail 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. 652
PRINCIPIO

En El Principio

[The congregation is invited to sing in whichever language is most comfortable and familiar.]

✠OPENING PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Francisco Lendor
No. 764
Response 2

Psalms 133

SCRIPTURE READING

Francisco Lendor
NT p. 40

Mark 7:24-30

ANTHEM

Song by the choir from the Hispanic Congregation

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
Noemi Mena

Breaking Bread or Fighting Over Crumbs

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT

No. 29
ALABARE

Alabaré

[The congregation is invited to sing in whichever language is most comfortable and familiar.]

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO

René Clausen

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love; where there is injury, help me to pardon;
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith; where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring light; where there is sorrow, let me bring joy.
O Lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive and in pardoning that we are pardoned.

For in dying we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 46
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

[The congregation is invited to sing in whichever language is most comfortable and familiar.]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,
y-al eternal Consolador, unidos todos alabad. Amén.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Deloris Ruddock

Elder: 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 jamás es el mismo. Una vieja era termina-una nueva era comienza.*

People: Transforming God, sometimes we do not welcome what is new. Broken, we do not want an in-breaking. We want to shut our doors against the world when you would have us throw them open and make the world our home. We want to clutch our treasures to our breasts when you would have us go on a pilgrimage to place them in another's hands. Forgive us, Lord. Dios transformador, a veces no damos la bienvenida a lo nuevo. Quebrantados no queremos que nos invada nada. Queremos cerrar nuestras puertas al mundo cuando tu nos invita a abrirlas de par en par y hacer del mundo nuestro hogar. Queremos apretar sobre nuestro pecho nuestros tesoros cuando tu nos invitas a un peregrinaje para colocarlo en las manos de otros. Perdonanos Señor.

Elder: This is the good news in Jesus Christ: God loves us more than we love ourselves. God forgives us, encourages us, and frees us to love others. Thanks be to God. *Estas son las buenas nuevas en Cristo: Dios nos ama mas de lo que nos amamos a nosotros mismos. Dios nos perdona, nos anima, y nos libera para que podamos amar a otros.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dorothy Arache

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu Nombre;
venga a nosotros tu reino; sea hecha tu voluntad,
como en el cielo así también en la tierra.
El pan nuestro de cada día, Dánoslo hoy.

Perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores;
no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el Reino El poder y la gloria, Por todos los siglos. Amen

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Paul Heffron

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. 111
SANTO

Santo, Santo, Santo

[The congregation is invited to sing in whichever language is most comfortable and familiar.]

Santo, Santo, Santo. ¡Mi corazón te _adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor.

Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 720
MATERNA

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

✠BENEDICTION

Pastor: Eternal God, our national hymn entreats you to shed your grace on us. *Eterno Dios, nuestro himno nacional te invita a derramar sobre nosotros tu gracia.*

People: We sing of brotherhood from sea to shining sea, and we celebrate the stories of pilgrims and patriots. Cantamos sobre la hermandad de mar a mar, y celebramos las historias de los peregrinos y patriotas.

Pastor: Yet sometimes we forget that – for many of us – this lovely land was the place to which many emigrated. We forget that others were here before us. *Sin embargo a veces olvidamos que antes que nosotros ya otros estaban aquí.*

People: Grant us discernment as we go forth from this place to seek civil conversations on these thorny and seemingly intractable dilemmas of today's immigration scene. May we be open – in our hearts and minds – to seek fresh insights and solutions. Danos discernimiento conforme salimos de este lugar para procurar conversaciones civilizadas en medio de los escabrosos y aparentemente irreconciliables dilemas de la inmigración. Permite que tengamos apertura de corazón y de mente para procurar frescas perspectivas y soluciones.

Pastor: May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and forevermore. *Que el amor de Dios, la gracia de nuestro Señor Jesús, el Cristo, y la hermandad del Espíritu Santo estén con ustedes, ahora y para siempre.*

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE

André Campra

Rigaudon

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 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.

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 aneieriemer@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



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11 a.m.



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