

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and Noemi Mena  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## 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

*I Love You, Lord, Today* William Hubbard

I love you. I love you. I love you, Lord, today  
Because you care for me in such a special way.  
And yes, I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.  
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.  
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.  
And yes I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.  
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

*How Majestic Is Your Name* No. 63

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.  
(repeat)

✠OPENING HYMN No. 482

*O Christians, Haste*

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
to tell the world that God is one who cares,  
that God who made all nations is not willing  
one life should perish, lost in deep despair.

### Refrain

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation,  
that God in whom we live and move, is love.  
Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation,  
and died on earth that we might live above.  
*refrain*

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious;  
give of your daughters, speed them on their way.  
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,  
till God shall bring a new and joyful day.  
*refrain*

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

Leader: We do worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and words of praise.  
on our lips.

**People: For you have revealed the human face of your love in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

Leader: Through Christ, you have gifted us with the Spirit of truth who enables us to be  
the human faces of your love - wherever we worship, witness, and serve you.

**People: As you have so graciously blessed us, may we bless others in Jesus' name  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your everlasting Spirit of truth.**

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Yes, Lord, Yes*

I'll say yes, Lord, yes to your will and to your way.  
I'll say yes, Lord, yes; I will trust you and obey.  
When your Spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I'll agree,  
And my answer will be yes, Lord, yes.

✠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. 254 (1, 3)

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

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 *Jesus* arr. V. Foster

*Without Him, I Could Do Nothing* Mylon LeFevre

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines  
NT p. 130

Acts 17:22-34

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 6 (1, 4)  
*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

SERMON Stephen Gentle  
*To an Unknown God*

## 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. 102 (1-3)  
*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Noemi Mena

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Deloris Ruddock  
Tom Kelley

## 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. 425  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE No. 422 (3)

*Let Us Tongues and Talents Employ*  
Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

*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 Bill Knight and Nick Bullock  
in memory of Elizabeth D. Knight.

*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!** On Memorial Day weekend, when our nation honors its soldiers that died while in military service, we also pay tribute to the One who embodies the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus said, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." Whether you are traveling for the holiday or a regular worshiper in this place, our prayer is that today's worship will remind us of God's constant presence, and open our eyes to recognize God even in the most unexpected places.

### 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 on Acts led by Barbara Boward in the Howland Center

**Children's Time** – Will take this week off and resume next week, June 5, led by Patrick Malone. 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](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>.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH  
AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cjwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cjwalsh@gmail.com)

## TODAY

**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 31

**Yada D-Space** – Is on summer hiatus. Please see our website for social outings and upcoming events.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 3

**Magical Mystical Musical Machine** – Free organ recital and demonstration series at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Featured this week is Richard Spotts from Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

**Church-wide Planning Event** – 9 to 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend our church-wide planning event. Department/committee chairs are requested to bring three event dates of your committee for the coming year. Our goal is to prepare an active calendar as we look to the future. For more information, contact Barbara Collins at 703-323-1187.

**Upcoming Concert** – 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](http://www.chorusmarket.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Disciples Women Luncheon Tuesday, June 7** – Gardener and flower arranger Barbara Collins will lead the program for the Disciples Women annual luncheon on Tuesday, June 7, at noon. The theme: "Diggin' In The Dirt."

**Open Mic Night** – Yada is planning a summer community open mic night at National City on June 9. If you are interested in helping to plan please contact Katie Blaisdell at [katie@blaisdells.net](mailto:katie@blaisdells.net). Also let us know if you know any local musicians!

**General Board Meeting** – Sunday, June 19, 12:30 p.m., Howland Center.

**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>. You can find information in the Atrium.

## 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; Lynn Parrish; Hilda Reynolds;  
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;  
and those in military service.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Columbia United Christian Church, Columbia, Maryland



To an unknown god\*

May 29, 2011

8:30 a.m.



**National City Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)

\*This altar is located on Palatine Hill, Rome, where once stood the palaces of the Caesars. It dates from about 100 B.C. and has the inscription, 'To the unknown God.'