

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Charles Miller, and Alan Williams
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on Old Hundredth Johann Pachelbel

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Max Drischner

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

William Skeat

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.
(Habakkuk 2:20)

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 25
LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Alan Williams

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 721 (4)
AMERICA

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

SCRIPTURE READING

Alan Williams
NT p. 130

Acts 17:22-34

ANTHEM

Henry Purcell

O Sing Unto the Lord

O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord a new song. Halleluiah!
Sing unto the Lord the whole earth. Halleluiah!
(Psalm 96:1)

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

To an Unknown God

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. 102 (1-3)
ST. AGNES

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO

Samuel Wesley

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Sterling Washington, tenor

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 46
OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Gentry Alexander

Elder: With word and song, we gather at this table to praise you, O God.

People: You have blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ.

Elder: We are drawn into your presence through him.

People: And the burdens we carry he takes upon himself.

Elder: We are truly blessed, for you have listened and responded to our prayers.

People: We come to you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips, as we offer the prayer we were taught 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

Barbara Boward

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. 722 (3)
FINLANDIA

This is My Song

This is my prayer, O ruler of the nations:
let thy reign come, on earth thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people's draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee, let thy will be done.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 725
NATIONAL HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Fugue in C Major, BWV 545

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 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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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

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

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.

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. 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



May 29, 2011
11 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.'