

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Steven Moore and Teresa Swihart
Preachers: Stephen Gentle and Beverly Goines

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Peace May Be Exchanged Dan Locklair

Steal Away arr. Gilbert Martin

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.

INTROIT

Bruce Ballinger

We Have Come Into This House

We have come into this house to gather in his name and worship him.
We have come into this house to gather in his name and worship Christ the Lord.
Let us lift up holy hands, magnify his name and worship him.
Let us lift up holy hands, magnify his name and worship Christ the Lord.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 687
ST. PETER

In Christ There is No East or West

✠OPENING PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Teresa Swihart
No. 764

Psalm 133

SCRIPTURE READING

Teresa Swihart
NT p. 178

Galatians 3:23-29

ANTHEM

William Dawson

A'in-a That Good News

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain'a that good news!
I'm a-gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'a that good news!
I got a harp up in-a that kingdom, ain'a that good news!
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain'a that good news!
I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain'a that good news!

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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
Beverly Goines

Why is it Difficult to Talk About Racism?

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 INVITATION

No. 683
AZMON

O For a World

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Steven Moore

OFFERTORY SOLO

Duke Ellington

Come Sunday

Alia Waheed, soprano

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love;
Please look down and see my people through.
I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by.
Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love;
Please look down and see my people through.
I believe God is now, was then and always will be.
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.
Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty,
God of love, Please look down and see my people through.

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

William Knight

Leader: Redeeming God, in a world of racial and ethnic divisions, we acknowledge our own selfishness and prejudice, which are contrary to your all-embracing love. Help us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Christ, in respect for all your children.

People: The wisdom writer asks: **Who can say, "I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin"?** Gracious God, mindful of our own need for your forgiveness and grace, we ask of you to show us the errors of our ways. And where we have fallen short, pick us up and set us on the right path.

Leader: Enable us to be challenging yet compassionate towards those who show bigotry and commit racist violence. May their hatred and prejudice be overcome through the strength and liberation of your redeeming love.

People : **Your Son Jesus showed solidarity with the weak and vulnerable. Touch with your love all those who have been the victims of racist violence. Heal their wounds of body, mind, and spirit and lead them on the journey to justice and reparation.**

Leader: Reconciling God, help us to overcome all our ethnic divisions. Increase our understanding of how to develop a truly inclusive culture. Most of all, this day and every day, challenge us to challenge racism.

People: **God of justice, give us voice, take away our fear; shake up our prejudices, and move us to a different place, so that we may stand on common ground with those who struggle for justice.**

Unison: **Teach us love. Teach us compassion. Above all, out of love and compassion, teach us to act. Amen**

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

David McKinney

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. 400 (1)
LORETTO

When You Do This, Remember Me

You my friend, a stranger once, do now belong to heaven;
Once far away, you are brought home into God's family.
"When you do this, remember me."

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 655
LEONI

Community of Christ

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Maurice Duruflé

Carillon

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.

One flower arrangement was given by Beverly and Steven Schacht in memory of Mary Barker.

The other flower arrangement was given in honor of William C. Howland, Jr. on the occasion of his birthday.

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! It's been decades since the groundbreaking Civil Rights Act was passed back in the sixties, yet while we're always willing to talk about the *positive* steps we've taken to address racial inequality, we're not quite as willing to talk about the ways in which we continue to fall short. No problem can be solved without first acknowledging that it exists and then coming to a shared commitment to address it. As thoughtful Christians, we will consider the roadblocks to productive discussions about race, racism, and inequality in our lives. Rev. Beverly Goines, assistant pastor and PhD candidate at Catholic University, shares the pulpit with Dr. Gentle as we consider the difficult subject of racism and why it is so difficult to talk about it.

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

James Green; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Enid Maitland; Eva Moore; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Michigan Park Christian Church, Washington, D.C.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

New Church Directory – The new church directory is available for pickup in the Atrium.

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 racism, 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.

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.

Nursery Open House – Parents of children and children from infancy to kindergarten are invited to meet our childcare provider, the preschool Sunday school teachers, and visit the nursery in Fellers Foyer on Sunday, February 6, from 9:45-10:45. A short Sunday school lesson will be provided for preschoolers around 10. Snacks will be provided.

Pastor's Class – If you are interested in learning about baptism and church membership this class is for you! Beginning this Sunday at 9:50 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. Classes will meet on Sundays, February 13, 20, and 27. Please reserve your place today with Kathleen Swihart, kswihart62@yahoo.com or 202-232-0323.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Disciples Women - 10 a.m., Music Suite. Join in stuffing and sewing pillows for recovering heart patients.

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults start a 4-week series "Christians and Poverty" this Tuesday. 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.). If you are interested in leading a week of the study or providing snacks, contact Ann at aneerie-mer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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 racism, led by Kathleen Simpson at 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Gift Shop.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – The free organ recital and demonstration series starts up again at 12:15 - 1 p.m.. This week features our own Charles Miller and Jacqueline Pallauf, harp.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

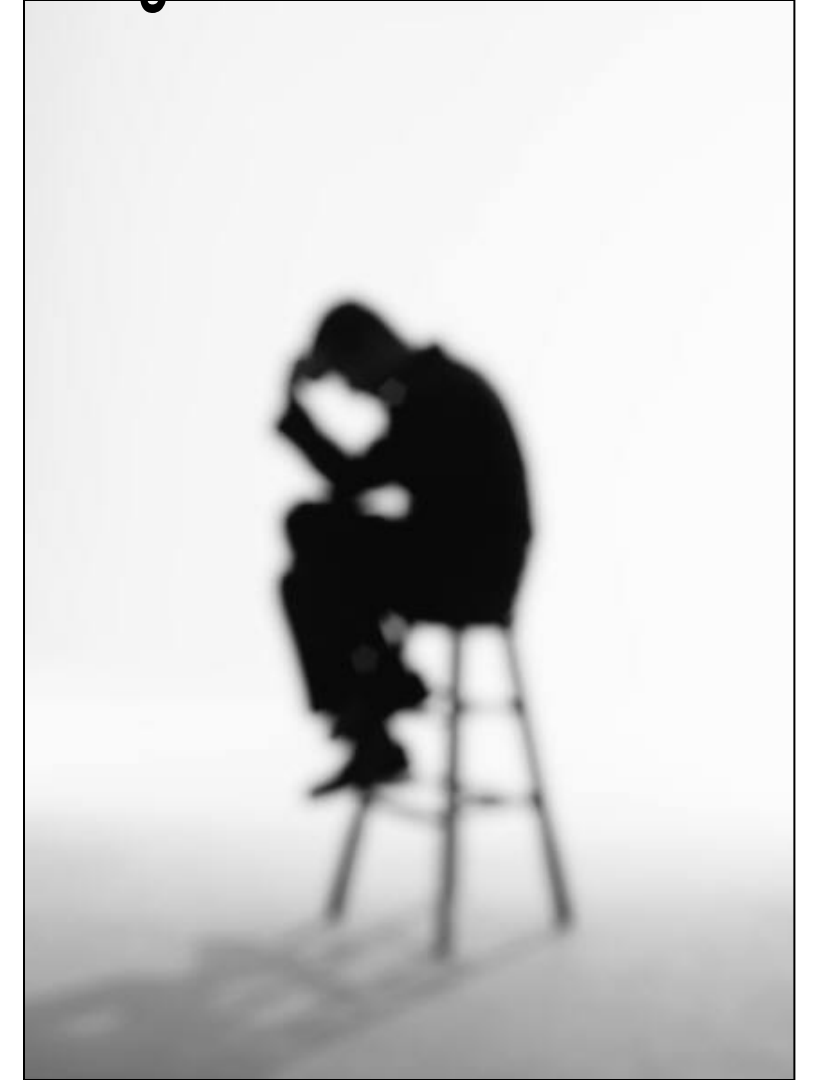
Strategic Five-Year Plan – National City Christian Church's plan is available online at www.nationalcitycc.org or by e-mail request to cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact Colleen Walsh at 202.232.0323.

Missions – We would like to know how you are serving in the communities we live in. Please email ncccmissions@gmail.com to let us know (1) how you are serving, (2) where you are serving, and (3) with whom you are serving (there is also a box for paper submissions in the Atrium). Understanding which mission activities interest the people of National City will help us implement the Strategic Five-Year Plan. Thank you.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

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

The Thoughtful Christian



**February 6, 2011
11 a.m.**



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