

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, Sara Imhulse,
and Charles Miller
Preacher: Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Melodia

Max Reger

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 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

Richard Smallwood

I Love the Lord Who Heard My Cry

I love the Lord, who heard my cry, and pitied every groan;
long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry, and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 228

LANCASHIRE

The Day of Resurrection!

✠OPENING PRAYER

Beverly Goines

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Sara Imhulse

No. 756

116:1-9, 12-17

SCRIPTURE READING

Sara Imhulse

NT p. 85

Luke 24:13-35

ANTHEM

Robert Wetzler

What Shall I Offer?

What shall I offer in return for all God's gifts to me?
Sing, heaven and earth, rejoice and praise, God's glorious majesty.
O let me praise you while I live and praise you when I die.
And praise you when I rise again, and to eternity.
Mysterious depths of endless love our admiration raise;
My God, your name exalted is, above our highest praise.

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

Steven Moore

Who-bodies

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. 586

OPEN MY EYES

Open My Eyes, That I May See

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

OFFERTORY SOLO

G.F. Handel

Every Day Will I Give Thanks

Patricia Simmons, soloist

Every day will I give thanks unto thee and praise thy name forever.
For the Lord is good to all. His tender mercies are over all his works.
O praise him forever. [Psalm 145: 2, 9]

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Eric Woodard

Leader: We become comfortable, Joyous God, with our lives, with our faith, with our friends and family. We are so secure, your gospel jars us with your hopes for us. We know we should tell your story, but doesn't everyone who matters know it already?

People: We could invite others to your table, but then we might have to share. We could welcome the strangers, but worry they might feel uneasy among so many unfamiliar faces.

Leader: Forgive us, God of Easter. Walk with us, so we can become companions to the lost. Welcome us, so we can include the hopeless and the homeless.

People: Love us, so we can share that love with everyone we meet on our journey, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who taught us to pray:

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

Bill Travis

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. 398

ST. AGNES

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart

There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 560

SHOWALTER

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

John Stanley

Trumpet Tune in D

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 Doug & Chieko Cook
in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary

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! Today is the last time I preach from the pulpit while I'm your associate minister here. The Scripture for the day is the story of the Road to Emmaus where we meet some Jesus followers on the road. The sermon title is: **Somebodies** – as these disciples are not mentioned in the rest of Scripture and we only learn the name of Cleopas. They are virtually unknown to us in this day – and YET Jesus comes along the road - just as he comes along our road and says – You are a some-body.

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>.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults are starting a series on spiritual disciplines led by Miriam Gentle. Disciples Space is 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.). For more information please contact Ann at aneerie-mer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

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

FRIDAY, MAY 13

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

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Food Pantry Sunday - Please bring in donations for National City's Food Pantry. This month we need proteins such as canned meats, Mac & Cheese, and Ramen Noodles.

Dog Blessing – All canine friends and their caregivers are invited to meet on the steps of National City Christian Church on Sunday, May 15, at 10 a.m. for a special blessing of the dogs service. All are invited to participate on this joyful occasion.

Elders Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center.

Deacons Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Deaconesses Meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steven Moore Farewell Luncheon - Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m. Join us in wishing Steven Moore well as he continues on his personal journey by becoming a Senior Pastor at Lafayette Christian Church at our Congregational Luncheon. Please sign up in the Atrium.

Open Mic Night - Yada is planning a summer community open mic night at NCCC. 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!

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>.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Campbell; James Green; Roy Hatton; Will Hill;
William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland;
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Lynne Parrish; Hilda Reynolds;
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
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May 8, 2011
11 a.m.



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