



National City Christian Church

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
January 15, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.
5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005
202-232-0323 www.nationalcitycc.org

Welcome to National City Christian Church, national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open to and affirming of all people. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please fill out the Connect with Us card, and place it in the offering tray. On this holiday weekend when we remember the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., may today's worship fill us with hope and call us to acts of justice and kindness in Christ's name.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster and Noemi Mena
Preacher: Stephen Gentle, senior pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

Bless the Lord

André Crouch

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
(repeat)
He has done great things, He has done great things,
He has done great things, bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

I Just Want to Praise You

Robert Fryson

I just want to praise you forever and ever and ever
For all you've done for me.
Blessings and glory and honor, they all belong to you.
Thank you, Jesus, for blessing me.
(repeat)

✠ OPENING HYMN

I Have A Dream

Diane Owen Jordan
FINLANDIA

I have a dream—a dream that God has given,
a dream of hope where all the world is free,
where every child can share the blessed vision
and taste the fruits of life abundantly.
I have a dream! O ring the bells of freedom!
God has a dream of hope and liberty.
I have a dream: that we shall keep before us
the call of Christ, who daily leads us on;
who bids us come to join the mighty chorus—
his song of joy, proclaiming fear is gone!
I have a dream—a dream where God restores us,
where love shall reign, and hearts be joined as one.
I have a dream—a vision of the nations
where racial strife shall end and hatreds cease;
where ancient foes become a new creation,
and those in pain and bondage find release.
I have a dream! O join in celebration!
Instead of war, I see a world at peace.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

You have a dream! O God, help us to listen
that we may learn what you would have us do.
We pray for strength; we need your grace and wisdom.
May we commit ourselves to live for you!
You have a dream, and as we sense your vision,
help us, O God, to make your dream come true.

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Noemi Mena

Leader: Come, let us worship God who made all things and rules over all.

People: Praise to you, God of peoples, nations, planets, and stars!

Leader: Come, let us worship God who has come among us in Jesus Christ.

People: Praise to you, our Lord and brother, who comes to reconcile and heal!

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is with us in this place and remains with us always.

People: Praise to you, Spirit of unity, Breath of life and Fire of justice!

Leader: Be with us as we gather and fill us with your blessings.

People: Strengthen us to be your people and nourish us to be witnesses of your truth.

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah

No. 41

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

CALL TO PRAYER

I Don't Feel No Ways Tired

Curtis Burrell

I don't feel no ways tired. I've come too far from where I've started from.

Nobody told me that the road would be easy.

I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me.

(repeat)

I don't believe he brought me this far...

PASTORAL PRAYER

Noemi Mena

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.

CHORAL PRAISE

Siyahamba

No. 442

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos', siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. *(repeat)*

See-yah-hahmb eh-koo-kah-nyen kwen-kose, see-yah-hahmb eh-koo-kah-nyen kwen-kose.

Siyahamba, -hamba, Siyahamba, -hamba, Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' *(repeat)*

See-yah-hahm-bah, -hahm-bah, See-yah-hahm-bah, -hahm-bah,

See-yah-hahmb eh-koo-kah-nyen kwen-kose.

A Song of Civil Rights

arr. Leander Morris

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Noemi Mena

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

HYMN OF PREPARATION

If I Can Help Somebody
Valeria Foster, soloist

David Whittle

SERMON

Darkness Turn to Dawning

Stephen Gentle

✘ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

No. 484

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.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING
PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Stephen Gentle
Chip Talbott
Terri Malone

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Stephen Gentle

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

The Lord's Supper is for all believers in Christ Jesus. Please come forward down the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Baskets are available at the front for your offering and "Connect With Us" cards. When receiving communion, take a piece of bread or wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

No. 422

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

Keep Hope Alive!
Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!
Don't let the dream die! Got to keep hope alive!
(repeat)

Donald Vails

Following the worship service, pastors and elders are at the back and side doors of the Sanctuary to greet you. All are invited to the Atrium for coffee fellowship immediately following the service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church
Baltimore, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS

Sarah Williams, India

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Willie Alexander; Ann Cappiello; Eddie Franklin; Sue Frost;
Morris Jackson; Courtney & Betty Jones;
Tawanna Lloyd; Michael McMahon; Chau Minh Nguyen;
Mary Williams; Ray Valido; persons in military
and civil service around the world.

FOR OUR GUESTS

EN ESPAÑOL - Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

Membership at National City Christian Church - 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 memberships are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

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.

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 202-232-0323 during office hours.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.
Elders' Meeting - 9:45 a.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Toddler Class - 10 a.m., Nursery. Barbara Kelley, Sue Frost, and Aixa Diaz, leaders
Christian Pathways - 10 a.m., Community Room.
Sanctuary Tour - 12:15 p.m. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary, near the President Garfield Memorial Window for a special guided tour of National City
Deaconesses Holiday Luncheon - 12:30 p.m., Community Room
Ecumenical Worship Service - at 3 p.m., come and participate in the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship service held in the Sanctuary. Special speakers and music will add to the great celebration. Join us!

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

Prayer call at 6 a.m. - All are invited to join the weekly conference prayer line for National City. Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter access code 371015. For more information, contact Loretta Tate at 202-489-2020

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

DCCADV - 12 p.m., Community Room
National Children's Chorus - 3:30 p.m., Music Suite, Atrium, Community Room, Sanctuary, Howland Center, Robing Room.
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Children's Community Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite
ANC F2 Meeting - 7 p.m., Howland Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

DC Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 INAUGURATION DAY NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite