

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Byron Cotton, Beverly Goines and Steven Moore
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Felix Mendelssohn
Andante tranquillo from *Sonata No. 3*

Robert Edward Smith
Prelude on *Lauda Amina*

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 John Rutter
I Will Worship the Lord
I will worship the Lord all the days of my life.
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise.
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 23
LAUDA ANIMA
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

✠OPENING PRAYER Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Byron Cotton
No. 735
Psalms 24

SCRIPTURE READING Byron Cotton
NT p. 17
Matthew 16:25-27

ANTHEM G.F. Handel
Forever Blest Are They Who Serve the Lord
Forever blest are they who serve the Lord, the loving God of all humankind.
Joy shall be their reward. Living to serve the Lord, forever.
Forever blest are they who serve the Lord.

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
Can I Make A Difference?

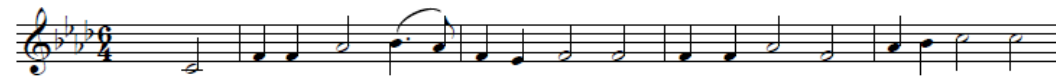
THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD AND CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

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.

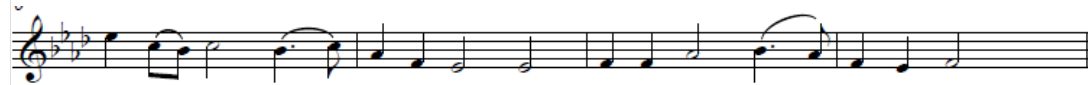
✠HYMN OF INVITATION

BOURBON

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1. "Take up your cross", the Sav-ior said, "if you would my dis - cip-les be; for -
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight per - vade your soul with vain a-larm; God's
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your fool - ish heart re-bel; for
4. Take up your cross and fol-low Christ, nor think 'til death to lay it down; for



sake the_ past and_ come this day, and hum-bly foll - ow_ af - ter me."
strength will_ bear your_ spi - rit up, sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
you the_ Lord en - dured the cross to save your soul from_ death and hell.
those who_ hum - bly_ bear the cross one day will wear the_ glor - ious crown.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Austin Lovelace

Strengthen For Service, Lord

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs to clamor never waken.

Strengthen for service, Lord.

Lord, may the tongues which "Holy" sang keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy blessed hope perceiving.

Strengthen for service, Lord, the feet that tread thy holy courts;
from light do thou not banish;

the bodies by thy body fed with thy new life replenish.

Strengthen for service, Lord.

✠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 Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Barbara Boward

Elder: God of wind and fire, blow through our lives, and release us from all that clings to us and holds us back from you.

People: **Lay waste the burdens that impede us. Wash away all that weighs us down. Free us to follow your Way – straight and true. Guide us into the fellowship of the faithful, that we might be a refuge to the poor, a deliverer to the captives, and a friend to those who are alone. In hope of your mercy we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:**

All: **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 Collins

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. 428 (4)
EVENTIDE

An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine

So send us out, to love and serve and praise,

filled with his Spirit, as the Master said:

love, joy and peace, the wine of all our days,

Christ and his life our true and living bread.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 605
CHARLESTOWN

For Each Day of Life We Thank You

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Johann Sebastian Bach

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

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 Wes and Jane Strotman
in honor of the Ministerial Staff on Clergy Appreciation Sunday.

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! This unique facility is held in trust for all Disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. On this blessed day, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

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.

Parking – Parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel garage on Vermont Avenue. Coupons for discounted price of \$4 are at the 14th Street entrance desk in the Atrium.

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.

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; Xiao 'Polly' He; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Pauline 'Polly' Young; Al Weaver; and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

New Church starts and Church planters across the Disciples

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 9:30 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Loretta Tate and Bill Travis.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 10 a.m., in the Howland Center, led by NCCC pastors.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 1 p.m., in the Howland Center, led by John Scott Williams and Theresa Beaton.

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, and youth.

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.

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.

Congregational Meeting - 12:30 p.m., in the Howland Center featuring Dr. Stephen Gentle presenting our future story "NCCC New Beginnings."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

YADA D-Space – YADA (Young Adults) gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. This week, we'll continue our discussion on "Five Practices of Fruitful Living."

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

Elders Meeting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Howland Center.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Magical Mystical Musical Machine from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Eugene Lavery from New York City, New York.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 10 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Bill Knight.

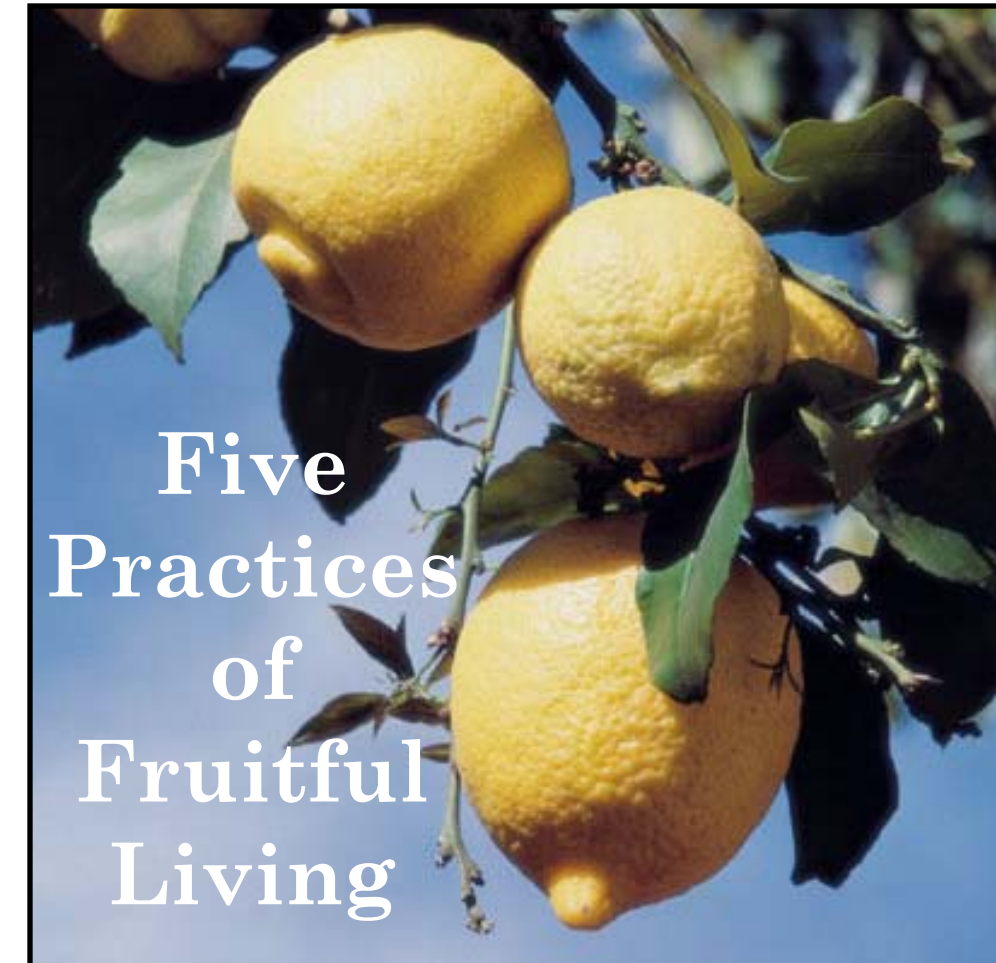
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

80th Anniversary – October 17 is the day! We will have a unified service with all three worshipping congregations coming together for 9:30 a.m. Gospel Choir Singspiration and 10 a.m. worship. Following worship we will have a group picture on the steps of National City and then a brunch in Scott Hall. Sign up today at the front desk in the Atrium for brunch reservations. Cost is \$11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spread the News: There's a New YADA Boss in Town – Trevor Dane is assuming the leadership of the Yada Support Team. Shana Pereira has been an active "Supporter" for about four years. If you've ever worked with Shana to connect with the Young Adults, please consider thanking her for her service. Yada was blessed to have her as a leader. AND should you have any inquiries about connecting with Young Adults moving forward, please contact Trevor Dane at 202-340-5177 and trevordane@gmail.com.

Rummage Sale – Don't forget to bring items for the church rummage sale being held on October 30. Please bring all items to the church **Atrium by 4 p.m. Friday, October 29**. We are accepting luggage, handbags, furniture, lamps, children's clothing and toys, men and women's clothing and accessories, and other goods that are clean and in usable condition. 80% of all funds generated by the sale will go to National City's general budget. 10 % will go to the Regional Capital Campaign. And the remainder 10% will go to the Disciples Mission Fund.



**October 10, 2010
11 a.m.**



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