

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Steven Moore  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

We prepare for worship with the gathering music. Join in the singing of the gathering music with the choir, and please turn off all cellular phones, pagers, and watch alarms.

CALL TO WORSHIP Steven Moore

## GATHERING MUSIC

### *Sanctuary*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

### *This Is the Day / He Has Made Me Glad*

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
I will rejoice, I will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.  
I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;  
I will enter His courts with praise;  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

✠ OPENING HYMN Rusty Edwards

### *We All Are One in Mission*

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Steven Moore

Leader: Look around. What wonders we behold!  
People: **We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.**  
Leader: Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.  
People: **Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.**  
Leader: Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.  
People: **Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits.**

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 72 (refrain)

### *To God Be the Glory*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

Welcome to National City Christian Church. We greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We request that everyone - both members and visitors - sign the Connect With Us cards in your bulletin. If you are a visitor, please indicate your address and telephone number. There is space on the back of the cards for prayer concerns.

CALL TO PRAYER Kelly Willard

### *Make Me a Servant*

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;  
and may the prayer of my heart always be:  
make me a servant, make me a servant,  
make me a servant today.

PASTORAL PRAYER Steven Moore

## 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.

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

CHORAL PRAISE Nettie Lester

*In the Beauty of Holiness*  
Judith Allen, guest pianist

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore

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Matthew 16:25-27

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 346 (1)

### *Where He Leads Me*

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling, "Take my cross and follow, follow me."  
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow - I'll go with him, with him all the way.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Can I Make A Difference?

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

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.

✠ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP No. 344 (1, 2, 4)

### *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

## THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Will Lang  
Deloris Ruddock

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. White baskets are available at the first pew for your offerings. When receiving communion, take a wafer from the plate and dip it in the cup. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seats by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 206

### *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE No. 614 (1, 2)

### *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

*Following the worship service, our pastors are at the front 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto: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.

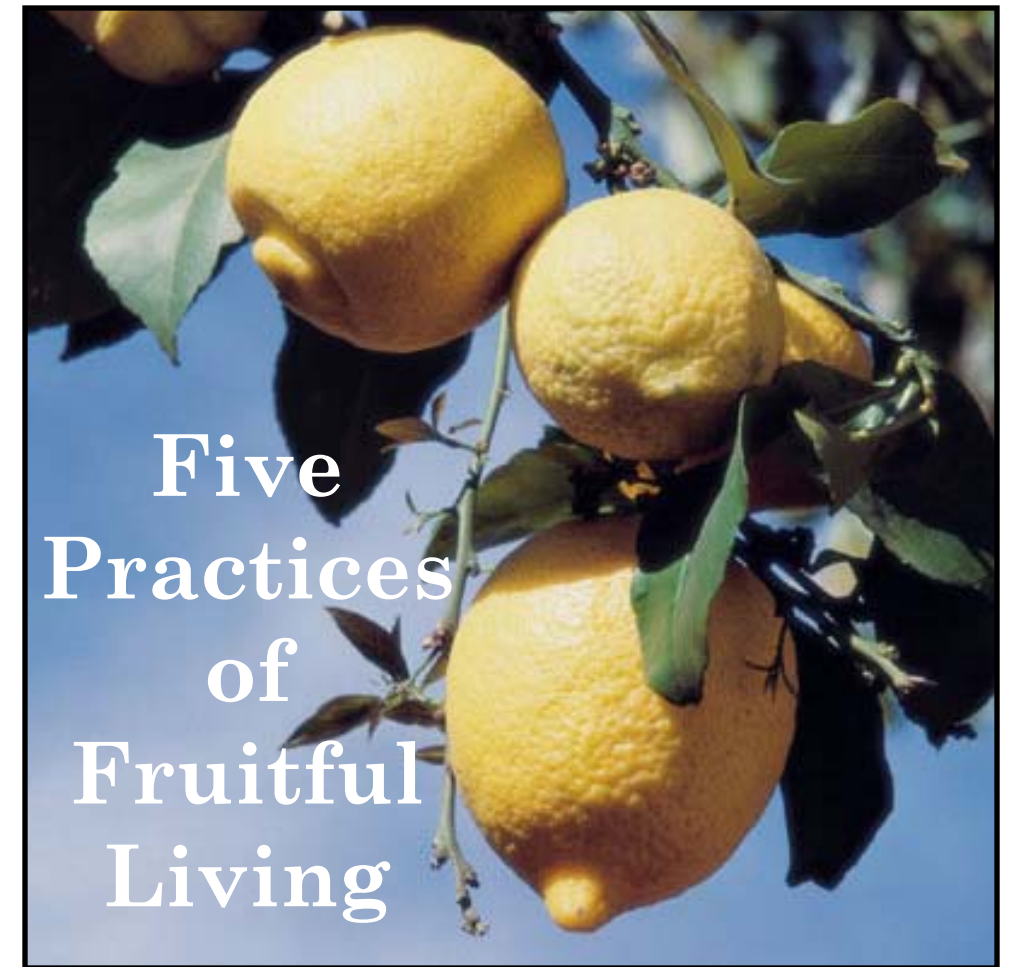
## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

**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](mailto: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  
8:30 a.m.**



**National City Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**