

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Tawanna Lloyd  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Pastoral Dance on *Morning Has Broken* Andrew Clarke

Chorale Prelude on *Be Thou My Vision* David Cherwien

### MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

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.

### CHORAL INTROIT:

*This is the Day That the Lord Hath Made*  
This is the day that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen!

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*Psalm 8*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

### ANTHEM

*Surely the Lord is in This Place*  
Sure the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God.  
And this is the gate of Heaven.  
[Genesis 28:16-17]

### 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

*A Christian For All Seasons*

## 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

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me, my master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*With a Voice of Singing*  
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. Alleluia.  
The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia.

### ✠DOXOLOGY

*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

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, you are the source of life and the one who gives us everything.  
**People: Today we bring you these gifts of money, bread, and communion as our sacrifice of thanksgiving and of our lives given back to you. Help us in all that we think, say, and do to honor you and serve all who are in need.**

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, who showed us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, we pray...

**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

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

### COMMUNION HYMN

*One Bread, One Body*

**Congregation: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

Soloist: Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all

**Congregation: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

*God is Here*

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of-fer praise and prayer, may we  
2. Here God's chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's flock, and fold. Here as  
3. Lord, of all, of Church and king-dom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us

find in full-er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world, a-  
bread and wine are bro-ken Christ sus-tains us as of old. Here the ser-vants of the  
faith-ful to the Gos-pel, help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's de-di-

round us, all our var-ied skills and arts wait the com-ing  
Ser-vant seek in wor-ship to ex-plore what it means in  
ca-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive; we who can not

of the Spir-it in-to o-pen minds and hearts.  
dai-ly liv-ing to be-lieve and to a-dore.  
live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve!

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Symphony No. 5*

*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.*

*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 the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)! This unique facility is held in trust for all Disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. On this special Spirit Sunday, 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; Ann Howland; Enid Maitland; Bob Mansker; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Dick Taylor; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Tom Walsh; all those affected by flooding; and those in military service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

United by Faith Christian Church, Laurel, Maryland

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**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 Small Visitors' center.

**Christian Pathways** – an adult class for all ages meets in the 3rd 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.

**Ice Cream Social** – Please join us in the courtyard on 14th Street for an ice cream social immediately following the 11 a.m. service.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**Disciples Women** – Our Fall Kick-Off will be at 11 a.m. in the Music Suite with Mary Ann Brown bringing us the program, Paula Engle the devotional, and Circle 1 will host. There will be a salad to add to the sandwich that you bring.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

**General Board Meeting** from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Howland Center.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**Elders Retreat** at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Colonial Beach, Virginia.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to New Member** – We welcome into our fellowship Ms. Beatrice Cesareo, who made her confession of faith on September 5. She has attended National City a few times, including the Hispanic service. She is an attorney and lives nearby at 1234 Massachusetts Avenue.

**Proud Grandparents** – Shirley and Norman Kruse are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Lauren Elisabeth Kruse, born on September 5 in Seattle. Lauren is the daughter of Glen and Maureen Kruse, who will be returning to the East Coast in a few weeks.

**Yada D-Space Returns** – The Young Adults are starting a six week series on "Five Practices of Fruitful Living" starting Tuesday, September 21 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Snacks are provided.

**Pakistani Relief** – How much more can the people of Pakistan handle? The flooding has been devastating and the damage done will take years--if not decades--from which to recover. Our hearts ache for our sisters and brothers in Pakistan. As always, you are there through Week of Compassion. Your gift is already at work in Pakistan, channeled through Church World Service and ACT Alliance. Your new gifts, marked "Pakistan Relief," will be used to respond to this overwhelming disaster. Thank you. Read more at [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org).

**Regional CWF Fall Gathering** – September 18 at University Christian Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitty Shaver will be speaking on the East African Education Initiative. Reservations are necessary. The registration forms are in the Atrium and must be returned by September 13.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH  
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# Spirit Sunday



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September 12, 2010  
11 a.m.



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