

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Noemi Mena

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 Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC No 112

### *Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now,  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.  
*(repeat)*

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* No. 529

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me;  
Singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
Singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

✠OPENING HYMN No. 67 (1-4)

### *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Stephen Gentle

*Psalm 8*

No. 728

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING Graham Kendrick

### *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

✠MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Steven Moore

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 No. 259

### *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

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.

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

CHORAL PRAISE Glenn Burleigh

### *His Yoke Is Easy*

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

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HYMN OF PREPARATION Diane Ball

### *In His Time*

In his time, in his time;  
He makes all things beautiful in his time.  
Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way  
That you do just what you say in your time.

In your time, in your time;  
You make all things beautiful in your time.  
Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing  
Be to you a lovely thing in your time.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

A Christian For All Seasons

## 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. 494 (1-3)

### *They'll Know We Are Christians*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
*refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:  
*refrain*

## THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Noemi Mena

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Barbara Boward  
William Knight

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. 384

### *Here at Thy Table, Lord*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE Stephen Key

### *Till We Gather Again*

Till we gather again, God be with you.  
Till we gather again, God be with you.  
May He give you His love, give you His kindness,  
Keep you in perfect peace.  
God be with you till we meet again.

*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.*

*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.

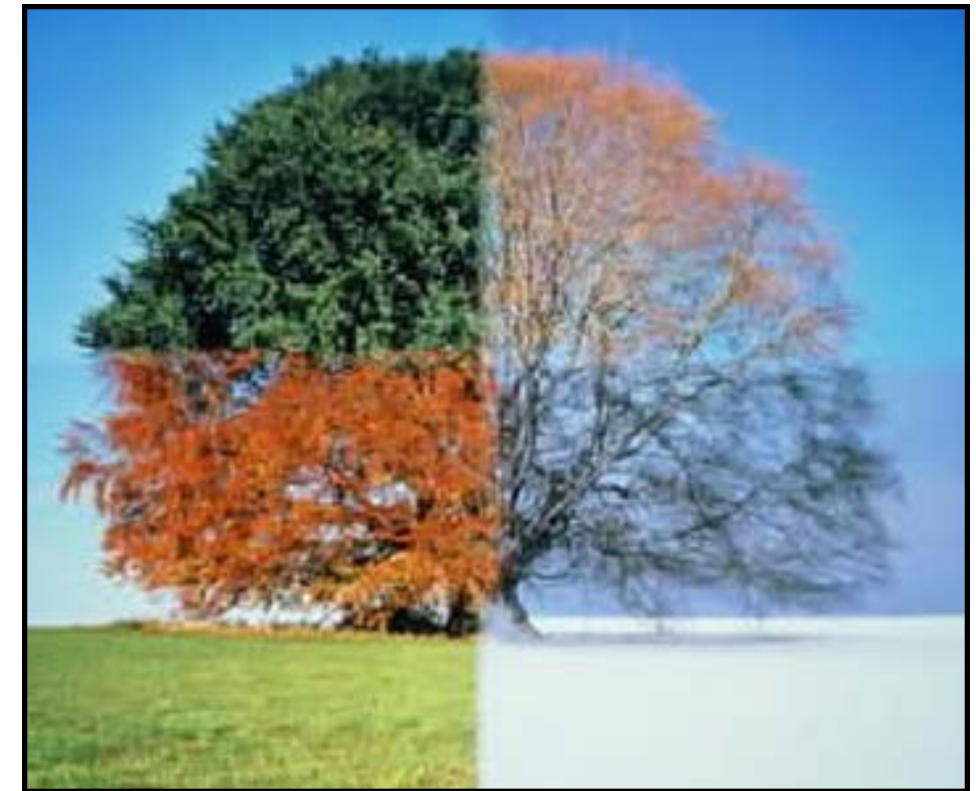
**Yada D-Space Returns** – The Young Adults are starting a six week series on "Five Practices of Fruitful Living" starting Tuesday, September 21 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Snacks are provided.

**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  
AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)

# Spirit Sunday



A Christian For All Seasons

September 12, 2010

8:30 a.m.



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(Disciples of Christ)