

# Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday

Worship Leaders: Gentry Alexander, Stephen Gentle,  
Beverly Goines and Steven Moore

Guest Preacher: Jason C. Pearson  
Senior Pastor, Community of Faith Christian Church

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Prelude on *This Little Light of Mine* Charles Callahan  
Prelude on *We Shall Overcome* Adolphus Hailstork

### 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

arr. Reginald Evans

*My Lord, What a Morning*

My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.  
You'll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations under ground.  
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 631  
LIFT EVERY VOICE

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Gentry Alexander

Leader: Spirit of Justice, we are grateful to be together this morning on the weekend when we remember the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**People: We remember not only him, but also the thousands of unnamed women and men who put their bodies and lives on the line so that all may be free.**

Leader: May the work of Dr. King and those who follow, continue to eradicate injustice wherever and whenever we encounter it.

**People: Dr. King went to the mountaintop; he saw the Promised Land, and he reassured us we will get there one day.**

Leader: May that be no paradisaal dream, but a reality in our own time.

**People: We worship you, O Lord our God, as we honor you with praise, prayers, and our very lives.**

### ✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 530 (1)  
PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

### SCRIPTURE READING

Gentry Alexander  
NT p. 110

John 20:19-23

### ANTHEM

Horace Clarence Boyer

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley*

We shall walk through the valley and the in shadow of death;  
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no sorrow over there...

We will meet our loved ones over there...

If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

### 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

Jason C. Pearson

*Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos or Community*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

## 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

No. 261  
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place*

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Edward Boatner

*I Want Jesus To Walk With Me*

Patricia Simmons, mezzo soprano

### ✠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

Stephen Gentle

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Knight

Elder: As we approach the Table of the Lord, let us offer our prayers to God.

**People: Our desire is to do your will, O God; your law is in our hearts.**

**When misfortunes beyond counting press from all sides, and iniquities overtake us, draw us closer to you. When we are tempted and our courage forsakes us, be our help and our salvation. Come to our aid, and make us into the people you want us to be.**

Elder: Grace and peace are given to us in Jesus Christ. All who call upon his name, he claims as his own. God will keep you firm to the end. It is God who called you to share in the life of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Let us worship the Lord, at his Holy Table.

**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.**

### PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Rick Bahr

### 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. 425 (1, 2)  
LET US BREAK BREAD

*Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

*refrain*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 630  
MARTIN

*We Shall Overcome*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Adolphus Hailstork

Postlude on *We Shall Overcome*

*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 Kathleen Swihart in memory of Duane Swihart.

*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 Worship!** On the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday, we welcome to the pulpit Pastor Jason C. Pearson, Senior Pastor of Community of Faith Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Pastor Pearson is a graduate of Howard Divinity School and he was a seminary intern at National City Christian Church. He began his ministry at Community of Faith on November 1, 2009. We welcome Pastor Pearson, his wife, Kim, and their children Keshawn, Jason, Tim, Justin, and Zayler back to Washington, D.C.

### 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.

**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

Warren Brooks; James Green; Polly He; William C. Howland, Jr.;  
Enid Maitland; Eva Moore; C. William and Claudine Nichols;  
Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;  
and those in military service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Haitian Pentecostal Church, Seaford, Delaware

### PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

### 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 2nd Floor Conference Room.

**Christian Pathways** – Howland Center.

**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.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 17 - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

**Yada D-Space** – The Young Adults are continuing the series "Christians and Immigration: Welcoming the Stranger" this Tuesday. It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. Gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). If you are interested in leading a week of the study or providing snacks, contact Ann at [aneeriemer@gmail.com](mailto:aneeriemer@gmail.com).

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

**General Board Orientation and Meeting** – The 2011 General Board will have its first meeting and orientation on Sunday, January 23 at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Soup and sandwiches are available for \$6 donation. Sign-up at the Atrium desk today. 2011 General Board will be installed at the 11 a.m. worship service.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Small Groups** – Sign-up today using the bulletin insert for small groups beginning Sunday, January 23. If you have questions, contact Stephen Gentle at [sgentle@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:sgentle@nationalcitycc.org) or 202.232.0323.

**Strategic Plan Five-Year Plan** – National City Christian Church's plan is available online at [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org) or by email request to [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org). If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact Colleen Walsh at 202.232.0323.

**Food Pantry Donations** – Please donate non-perishable food items for the needy in the area any Sunday this season. You may leave your gift in the marked box found in the Narthex or in the Atrium. Donations of toiletries, socks, hats, and gloves are also needed. Thank you.

**New Church Directory** – In preparation for printing a new church directory in January, there will be a copy at the Atrium desk for you to check the information for its correctness and completeness.

**YADA Game Night** – Save the date! Game night at Trevor and Kristi's apartment on January 29, 2011. Details and directions to come.

**Congregational Luncheon and Annual Meeting** – Sunday, January 30, members and guests alike are invited to church luncheon and annual meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Lunch donation is \$12 for adult and \$6 for children under the age of 12. Sign-up using Connect Card or at the Atrium front desk.

**Meet Our Childcare Provider** – Parents of children from infancy to kindergarten are invited to meet our childcare provider, Sana Kifafi, and visit our nursery in Fellers Foyer on Sunday, February 6, at 9:45 a.m. between the services. Activities and snacks will be provided.

# The Thoughtful Christian



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