

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Steven Moore and John Scott Williams  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Two Preludes on Gregorian Themes Marcel Dupré

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Max Drischner

### 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.

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 25  
LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### ✠OPENING PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

John Scott Williams  
No. 740

*Psalms 40*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

John Scott Williams  
NT p. 171

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

### ANTHEM

*Praise God in His Holiness*

Geoffrey Shaw

Praise God in his holiness, praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him in the cymbals and dances.  
Praise him upon the well tuned cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.  
[Psalm 150]

### 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  
Receive God's Love

## 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. 62  
ST. ANNE

*Creator God, Creating Still*

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Steven Moore

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

*Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray*  
Patricia Simmons, mezzo soprano

An' I couldn't hear nobody pray, an' I couldn't hear nobody pray,  
O 'way down yonder by myself an' I couldn't hear nobody pray.  
In de valley; on my knees; with my burden; an' my Savior;  
Halleluiah! Trouble's over! In the Kingdom! With my Jesus!  
An' I couldn't hear nobody pray, an' I couldn't hear nobody pray,  
O 'way down yonder by myself an' I couldn't hear nobody pray.

### ✠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

Steven Moore

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Knight

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

Kent Woods

### 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. 427  
RHUDDLAN

*Loving Lord, As Now We Gather*

Holy Lord, as here you give us bread and wine, as means of grace,  
grant to all who call you Savior, now to meet you face to face,  
and to own, in silent wonder, Lord, how holy is this place.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

AURELIA

*Help Us Accept Each Other*



1.Help us ac-cept each o - ther as Christ ac-cepted us; teach us, as sis-ter, bro - ther, each  
2.Teach us, O Lord your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life we strug-ple to be hu - man and  
3.Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved in lov - ing sit - u - a - tions to  
4.Lord, for to-day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for



per - son to em - brace. Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be -  
search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for  
do the truth in love; to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by  
righ - teous - ness and bread, we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing



lieve we are our - selves ac - cep - ted and meant to love and live.  
some, to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.  
heart the tab - le of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
on; re - new us with your Spi - rit; Lord, free us, make us one.

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Marcel Dupré

*O Salutaris*

*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 pulpit flowers were given by Norman and Shirley Kruse in honor of Doug and Deb's 19th Anniversary; Norman and Shirley's 48th anniversary; and the birth of Lauren Elizabeth on September 5 to Glen and Maureen Kruse.

*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. We pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

**Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Groups** – This week marks the start of our new small groups based on the book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* by Robert Schnase. *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* provides an honest and practical guide to the spiritual journey. By repeating and deepening certain fundamental practices, you cooperate with God in your spiritual growth. As you develop these five practices - *to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give of yourself fully* - you learn to connect with God and become an instrument of God's peace. Come to any of the small groups to grow in fellowship and to activate these five practices in your life.

### 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; Gary Lewis; Enid Maitland;  
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds;  
Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Tom Walsh;  
and those in military service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Pilgrimage Christian Church, Suitland, Maryland

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**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** – 12:30 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.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**Yada D-Space Returns** – The Young Adults are starting a six-week series on *Five Practices of Fruitful Living* from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Gift Shop. Snacks are provided.

**Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group** – 7 p.m. at Kathleen Swihart's home, led by Paula Engle.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**NCC Foundation Board Meeting** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Baltimore.

**Magical Mystical Musical Machine** from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Charles Miller.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In Sympathy** – Long-time member Frances Gleason died on Sunday, September 12, at Westminster Retirement Community in Woodbridge, Virginia. She was 91. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 25, at 11 a.m. at Westminster at Lake Ridge, 12191 Clipper Drive, Lake Ridge, Virginia. Mrs. Gleason had served as a deaconess and an elder at National City, spearheaded the project to put embroidered cushions in each pew, handled costumes for plays and productions, and was an active member of the Hearthstone Sunday School class. She was preceded in death by her husband Cedric Gleason and sons Laurence and Richard. She is survived by her daughters Candace Clay Barnes and Rebecca Clay Huck, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American University or National City Christian Church.

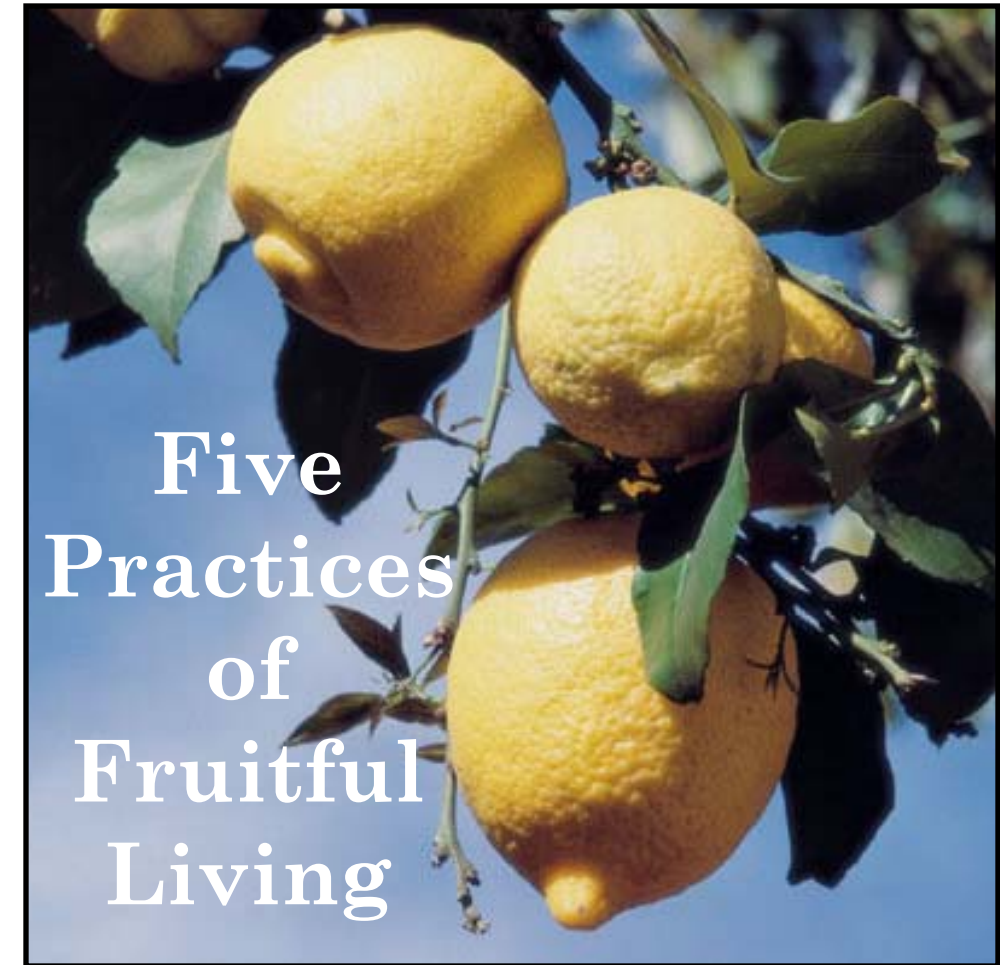
**AIDS Walk DC** – Saturday, Oct. 2. All members of congregation are invited to join Team National City Christian Church on annual Aids Walk, benefitting Whitman Walker Clinic. Our group will meet at the church at 10:00, then walk to Freedom Plaza, where the walk begins. The Aids Walk continues to the Capital and back, a distance of 2 miles. Registration fee is \$25. NCCC goal is to raise \$500 for the walk, an amount we have easily surpassed in the past. Chrys Lemon is Team Leader. Contact him at cell 703-798-9580 or email: [cdl@mcintyrelf.com](mailto:cdl@mcintyrelf.com), with questions & to let him know you have enrolled. Be sure to ask him about the fun party after the walk!

To join our team:

1. Go to <http://www.wwc.org/>
  2. Click on "Aids Walk" under "WWC Info" on the right side of the screen.
  3. Click "Register here."
  4. Execute the waiver agreement.
  5. Click "Join a Team" & scroll down to NCCC.
- Follow the remaining steps.

**Regional Assembly October 2** – The Regional Assembly for the Christian Church Capital Area will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Bldg. II, Rockville, Maryland. You may register online at [www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org). The assembly includes a presentation on regional transformation by Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm and Rev. Rick Powell, a keynote address by Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, a business session, and workshops.

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