

# Twelfth 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 Stephen Gentle

## GATHERING MUSIC

*A Perfect Sacrifice* V. Michael McKay

Holy One, Jesus Christ, the only One worthy to give His life,  
For the sins of all mankind: such a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ!

Lord, I yield, yes, I give this my song, my praise of sacrifice.  
I give you my life; you've already paid the price:  
Such a perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ!

*Blessed Be the Name of the Lord* Don Moen

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
He is worthy to be praised and adored;  
So we life up holy hands in one accord,  
Singing, "Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,  
Blessed be the name of the Lord!"  
(repeat)

✠OPENING HYMN Eliza Hewitt

*When We All Get to Heaven*

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing his mercy and his grace;  
in the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

### Refrain

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus we'll sing and shout the victory.

While we walk the pilgrim pathway clouds will overspread the sky,  
but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh.  
(refrain)

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay.  
(refrain)

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Steven Moore

Leader: In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our refuge.

**People: God is our mighty fortress and shield.**

Leader: In God's strength we shall be healed.

**People: In God's love we shall witness the Good News.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God, grateful for God's wondrous power.

**People: Open our hearts, Lord, that we might truly become bearers of peace and justice.**

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Praise the Name of Jesus*

Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus,  
He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,  
He's my Deliverer, in him will I trust.  
Praise the name of Jesus.

✠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 No. 576 (1, 2)

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;  
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm,  
and changeless be, a living fire.

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 Traditional Gospel

*I Just Can't Make It by Myself*

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore  
NT p. 211

Hebrews 12:1-2

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 548 (1, 2)

*The Old Rugged Cross*

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest  
and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary.

refrain

SERMON

By Faith...We Can!

Stephen Gentle

## 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. 348 (1-3)

*More About Jesus Would I Know*

More about Jesus would I know, more of his grace to others show;  
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

Refrain:

More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus;  
more of his saving fullness see, more of his love who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn, more of his holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me.  
refrain

More about Jesus; in his word, holding communion with my Lord;  
hearing his voice in every line, making each faithful saying mine.  
refrain

## THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Norman Kruse  
Byron Cotton

## 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. 422

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE No. 445

*Go in Peace*

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.  
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

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 baptistry flowers were given by the Music Ministry  
in memory of Pearl Nugent Nordan.

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!** Your presence in worship fills us with joy. We pray that God's blessing will be upon your life and upon our life together as we worship the Lord. We join our voices of thanksgiving and praise to God with the millions of people around the world who are worshipping our Lord. This is the day the Lord has made!

### 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

Xiao 'Polly' He; Ann Howland; Enid Maitland; Bob Mansker;  
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds;  
Dick Taylor; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate;  
all those affected by flooding; and those in military service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Perryhawkin Christian Church, Princess Anne, Maryland

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

### New Beginnings Small Groups

**9-11 am., Scott Hall, Matthew Group**, Leaders: Eric Woodard and Kathleen Burger Gerada.

**9-11 a.m., Howland Center, Mark Group**, Leaders: Alan Williams and Steven Baines.

**9:30-11:30 a.m., Hilda's Gift Shop, Luke Group**, Leaders: Loretta Tate and Diana Morse.

**9:30-11:30 a.m., Music Suite, John Group**, Leaders: Kelly Swanson and Chip Talbott.

**12:30-2:30 p.m., Howland Center, Acts of Apostles Group**, Leader: John Scott Williams.

### Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth and adults.

**Classes for elementary, middle and high school students** will be on summer hiatus until September 12.

**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.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

**New Beginnings Small Group – 7-9 p.m., Kathleen Swihart's home, Romans Group**, Leaders: Paula Engle and Kathleen Swihart.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

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

**New Beginnings Small Group – 7-9 p.m., Doug & Chieko Cook's home, Corinthians Group**, Leader: Doug Cook.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

**New Beginnings Small Group – 10 a.m.-12 noon, Hilda's Gift Shop, Ruth Group**, Leader: Bill Knight.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All Church Picnic** – Kick off Spirit Sunday weekend by joining us Saturday afternoon, September 11, at Glencarlyn Park in Arlington for an all church potluck picnic from 3-dark. Sign up in the atrium to bring your favorite dish and to see what is still needed. Directions to get to the park will be available soon!

**Needed** – New Sunday School teachers for children's classes beginning September 12. Materials will be provided. We need different teachers for the preschool children during the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Teachers for the elementary aged children from 10:00 to 10:45. Questions or to volunteer please contact Teresa Swihart.

**Guitar Needed** – New Member Katie Blaisdell, is interested in learning to play the guitar in hopes of contributing to future Yada worships, and is looking for anyone willing to let her *borrow* an unused guitar for a few months. Please contact Katie or anyone from Yada if you have one available.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH  
AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)



# New Beginnings

**August 22, 2010**

**8:30 a.m.**



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