

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Steven Moore
Preachers: Stephen Gentle and Trevor Dane

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Alec Rowley
Benedictus

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME Stephen Gentle
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. 72
TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Steven Moore
Leader: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.
People: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.
Leader: With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.
People: Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with great joy!
People: Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 35
GREATOREX
Glory Be to the Father

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Steven Moore
NT p. 212
Hebrews 13:1-8

VOCAL SOLO arr. Moses Hogan
Stand By Me
Louis Davis, baritone

When the storms of life are ragin', Stand by me
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea;
Thou Who rulest wind and water, Stand by me
In the midst of faults and failures, Stand by me
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, Stand by me
In the midst of persecution, Stand by me
When my foes in battle array, undertake to stop my way,
Thou who never lost a battle, Thou who knowest all about me,
Thou who rulest wind and water, Stand by me.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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
Trevor Dane
Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner?

HYMN Come, Share With Us



Come, share with us, as ev-ery Christ-ian can, to - day's re - joic - ing in a work of grace;
our Found-ers long a - go in faith be - gan here where we meet, in this his - tor - ic place.

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. 490 (1, 2, 3, 5)
THE SERVANT SONG

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant
Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey thro'.

Brother, let me be your servant, sister, let me walk with you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines
OFFERTORY SOLO arr. Hal Hopson

The Gift of Love
Louis Davis, baritone

✠DOXOLOGY No. 46
OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Paul Heffron

Leader: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

People: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Leader: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

People: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Leader: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

People: As we approach the Lord's Table, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for this meal. For we pray the prayer that He taught his disciples, saying, 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 Shana Pereira

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 No. 420 (3)
DOVE OF PEACE

I Come With Joy
As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 494
ST. BRENDAN'S

They'll Know We Are Christians

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE David N. Johnson
Trumpet Tune in D Major

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 Theresa Beaton
in memory of her father, Manuel A. Smith.

And by Kathleen Burger Gerada
in memory of her parents, Florence and Trice Burger.

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 National City Christian Church, the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your presence fills us with joy today as we celebrate the last weeks of the summer holiday. Today Trevor Dane is sharing his witness on how National City Christian Church has changed his life. He will place his story in the 80th Anniversary ark to be sealed for 20 years on our anniversary Sunday, October 17. Join your voice in praise and your heart in prayer as part of the whole people of God worshipping all over God's world today. For 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

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 14th 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

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 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;
all those affected by flooding; and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Rockville Christian Church, Rockville, Maryland

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

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 Flr. Conf. 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.

Yada (Young Adult) Conversation – Howland Center, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Pizza lunch will be provided.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Sympathy – We extend our condolences to Will Lang and his family on the loss of his mother, Allegra (Boots) Lang, who passed away in July.

In Sympathy – We extend our deepest condolences to Dr. William Brown and his family during this summer when two of his brothers passed away. Dr. Brown conducted the funeral service of his brother, Ed Brown, following his death on July 1. Shortly after this death, Winston Brown passed away. His services were held in Richmond, Virginia, on July 17, where Dr. Brown spoke. Please offer your prayers of support and words of encouragement with the William Brown family during this time of loss.

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.

Labor Day at Bethany Beach – Next weekend, many of our members will be enjoying the last vestiges of summer at Bethany Beach. Let's travel back in history as we send off 55 members and friends of our congregation to their annual Labor Day outing at Bethany Beach. In 1900, a regional organization of the Disciples of Christ churches in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Delaware bought property in Bethany Beach for conferences and as a vacation spot. It immediately became very popular. As our members travel the 125 miles in their cars next weekend--maybe taking several hours, let's remember our pastor from 1875 to 1911, Dr. Frederick Power, who described the full-day journey as "two street-car rides, two train rides, two boat rides, and there you are!"

YADA (Young Adult) Retreat – On September 10-12, YADA is headed to Camp Mary Mac for a weekend of spiritual renewal led by our very own, Rev. Steven Moore. Contact Kristi Beckwith-Dane at welcometolondon@hotmail.com with questions. Registration will be available soon.

All Church Picnic – Mark your calendar for the all church picnic on Saturday afternoon, September 11, at Glencarlyn Park in Arlington from 3 p.m. till dark. Signup in the Atrium to bring your favorite dish and to see what is still needed. Google Glencarlyn Park for directions or take the Orange Line to Ballston catch the 25 bus to 3rd Street South on Carlyn Springs Road, then walk a few blocks to the park.

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.

Disciples Women – Our Fall Kick-Off will be Tuesday, September 14, 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.

Needed – New Sunday School teachers are needed for children's classes beginning September 12. Materials will be provided. We need different teachers for the preschool children during the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, and teachers for the elementary aged children from 10 to 10:45 a.m. For more information or to volunteer please contact Teresa Swihart.



August 29, 2010
11 a.m.



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