

# *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Chrys Lemon, and Charles Miller  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Improvisation on *Amazing Grace* Frederick Swann

Prelude on *Beach Spring* Raymond Haan

### 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 email 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. 15  
MARION

*Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Chrys Lemon

Leader: O God, your name is majestic in all the earth; your glory is chanted above the heavens.

**People: You have crowned your people with glory and honor; we give you all praise in response to your grace.**

Leader: Creator God, the earth is yours and all who dwell therein; the moon and stars reflect your radiance.

**People: You are the potter who fashions works of beauty from the mud, the painter who hangs the rainbow in the sky, as the sign of your covenant.**

**Unison: We join with those through the ages who have praised your works of creation and redemption, evermore praising you, and saying, "How majestic is your name in all the earth!"**

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 64 (3)

*We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God*

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known; and clouds arise, and tempest blow, by order from your throne.

While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

### VOCAL SOLO

Felix Mendelssohn

*If With All Your Hearts* (from *Elijah*)  
Sterling Washington, tenor

### SCRIPTURE READING

Chrys Lemon  
NT p. 6

Matthew 6:25-33

### SERMON

Stephen Gentle

*Teach Us To Play*

## 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 COMMITMENT

No. 546  
NEW BRITAIN

*Amazing Grace!*

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

### OFFERTORY SOLO

Christoph Gluck

*O, Savior, Hear Me*  
Sterling Washington, tenor

### ✠DOXOLOGY

No. 46  
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Shana Pereira

Elder: Great Designer of the universe, who fashioned creation to give you unending glory, we praise the work of your hand and the gift of our lives.

**People: Redeemed through the sacrifice of Christ, we seek to be renewed at your gracious Table. Bless our lives and use our work to your glory. In the name of the One who taught us to pray saying...**

**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

Paul Heffron

### 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. 461 (3)  
BEACH SPRING

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 545  
HE LEADETH ME

*He Leadeth Me*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

*In Thee Is Gladness*

*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!** What does our faith teach us about having fun, laughter, and joy? "Lord, teach us to play!" We pray that you will find renewal of your faith and refreshment of your spirit as we worship the Lord this day. Welcome!

### EVERY SUNDAY

**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** – Small group on Acts led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center.

### FOR OUR GUESTS

**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 memberships are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email [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.

**EN ESPAÑOL** – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

**Parking** – Complimentary parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel parking garage. Simply ask for a voucher at the church front desk at the 14th street entrance. Street parking is available every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west ramp off Thomas Circle, which leads to Massachusetts Avenue.

**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) to find a recording of Sunday's sermon. 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>.

## TODAY

**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.

**Food Pantry** - Today is our Food Pantry collection Sunday. Each month we help hundreds of our homeless neighbors and many families within our neighborhood through the Food Pantry. Please bring your non-perishable food items to either the 8:30 or 11 a.m. service. Any food item is greatly appreciated. Our focus this month is on canned protein, such as tuna and Vienna sausage, as well as mac and cheese. If you would prefer, you may make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry by using one of the envelopes. Put Food Pantry on the Memo line.

**Baptism** – Dr. Gentle will hold a special class on baptism today at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, for those who are interested. There will be a time for baptism on Sunday, July 24. If interested in being baptized, please speak with Dr. Gentle today.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Novel Book Club at NCCC** – Our first meeting will be on July 28 at 7 p.m. at Hilda's Gift Shop. We will be discussing *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Join other book lovers in a lively discussion of this book. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Gentle at 202-332-3736 or [miriam.gentle@gmail.com](mailto:miriam.gentle@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**Labor Day Weekend** – National City has reserved the Conference Center at Bethany Beach for this long weekend. Registration forms can be found in the Atrium or email Teresa Swihart, [tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com).

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

We lift up in prayer those at Camp Mary Mac this weekend.  
James Green; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.;  
Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;  
Lynn Parrish; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;  
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver;  
and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Maryland

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

Teach us to **PLAY!**



(C) Katie Sokoler

**July 17, 2011**  
**11 a.m.**



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