

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and Noemi Mena
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 Donnie Harper

Praise Him!

Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same,
He's worthy, Jesus is worthy; He's worthy to be praised.
Refrain

Glory! Glory! In all things give him glory.
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.

God is our rock, hope of salvation;
A strong Deliverer, in Him will I always trust.
Refrain

✠OPENING HYMN No. 631
Lift Every Voice and Sing

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena
Leader: A new day has begun, the week has been born.
People: We gather here to renew our spirit and refresh our hearts.
Leader: We give thanks for the past, and look with hope to the future.
People: God, fill us with joy for today and strength for tomorrow.
Unison: Sing to the Lord. Sing praises to God and tell of God's wonderful works.

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 555
Through It All
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

✠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. 544 (1, 3)

No, Not One!

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus - no, not one! No, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases - no, not one! No, not one!

Refrain

Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus - no, not one! No, not one!
There's not an hour that he is not near us - no, not one! No, not one!
No night so dark but his love can cheer us - no, not one! No, not one!
Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

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 Robert Ray
He Never Failed Me Yet
Lolita Neal, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena
OT p. 533
Psalm 105:1-6

HYMN OF PREPARATION Civilla Martin
God Will Take Care of You
Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

SERMON Stephen Gentle
For Better Or Worse

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. 622 (1, 2)
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Tom Kelley
Will Lang

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. 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. 419
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE P. Murakami, H. Hanson
May You Run and Not Be Weary
May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
To give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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 flowers are in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary
of Peter and Lynne Morgan.

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship! Welcome to National City Christian Church. Your presence today honors us and pleases the Lord. Today's message is called "For Better or Worse" based on Exodus 16:2-15 and the glorious 105th Psalm. "Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done, the miracles, and the judgments God has uttered" (Psalm 105:5). We pray for God's blessing upon your life, and our life together as we worship the Lord!

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 teaching 'Connecting with God: Meeting God in Scripture' led by Samar Chatterjee in the Howland Center

***Teachers and substitute teachers are still needed. Materials will be provided. Please contact Teresa Swihart if interested at tisatcamp@yahoo.com**

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. ***There will be no Children's Time on Sunday, September 25.**

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.

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 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.

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 202-232-0323 during business hours.

National City Online – Visit online at 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 email 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.

Anniversary Celebration – We give thanks to God for the 50th Anniversary celebration of Peter and Lynne Morgan along with their many guests here today. For those who have reservations for the luncheon, it will begin following the 11 a.m. worship service in Scott Hall. A benefit concert for our Sanctuary Choir will follow the luncheon.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

D-Space – Join National City's young adults (Yada) for study and conversation at 6:45 p.m. Email Beau Underwood at beau.underwood@gmail.com for more information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Book Group – Meet in the Gift Shop at 7 p.m. All are welcome as we begin this new group. Those attending share in selecting the book to be read. For the September meeting, the book is "The Shack" by William Young. If you have questions, contact Miriam Gentle at miriam.gentle@gmail.com or 321-356-1554.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Julie Evans from Silver Spring, Maryland.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Combined worship at 10 a.m. with Dr. Craddock – Dr. Fred Craddock will be the pulpit guest in a combined service at 10 a.m., followed by a brunch in Scott Hall. For more than six decades Dr. Craddock has enlightened, delighted, compelled, and engaged listeners with his stories shared in the context of sermons. He is Bandy Distinguished Professor of Preaching and New Testament, emeritus, in the Candler School of Theology. His books include *Cherry Log Sermons*, *Craddock Stories*, and *Reflections on My Call to Preach*. *The Collected Sermons of Fred B. Craddock* and *Craddock on the Craft of Preaching* were published in 2011. Dr. Craddock was selected by *Newsweek* as one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English speaking world. Stay after the service for brunch. There is a signup sheet in the Atrium.

Board Meeting – There will be a brief board meeting at the close of worship to receive in writing the proposed by-laws. Then there will be a full General Board Meeting on October 2at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! – We send our prayers and happiness to Norman and Shirley Kruse on the birth of their Grand-Daughter Leah Meredith Kruse who was born Tuesday, September 13.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pam Chewning; James Green; Lari Grubbs; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver; Tamara Webb; and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Pilgrimage Christian Church, Suitland, Maryland

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



September 18, 2011

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)