

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Charles Miller, and Virginia Taylor
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata No. 6 Felix Mendelssohn
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Dale Wood

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.

INTROIT George Brandon

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord
O come, let us sing unto the Lord.
Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. [Psalm 95:1]

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 24
LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Virginia Taylor

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 25
LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him.
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the AMEN sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!
[Original translation by Catherine Winkworth of the Joachim Neander text.]

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

SCRIPTURE READING Virginia Taylor
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Psalm 105:1-6

ANTHEM Donald McAfee

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly.
The heavens are not too low, his praises there may grow.
The church with Psalms must shout. No door can keep them out.
But more than all the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing: My God and King!

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
For Better Or Worse

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. 86
FAITHFULNESS
Great is Thy Faithfulness

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate
Alia Waheed, soprano

✠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 AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Norman Kruse
Elder: Creator God, you know the ebb and flow of the world. You know when our lives are flowing towards you and when they are flowing away. You know when we are struggling and when we are content.
People: Help us to turn away from the ways of the world that cause us to be selfish, to savor greed and power over others. Guide us in your ways of love, peace, and justice, so that we might participate in your reign more fully here on earth, as it is in heaven. Grant us the wisdom of the past, strength for today, and courage for tomorrow. For we seek to follow you all of our days, in the name of Christ, our companion on this journey of faith.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE Bill Knight

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 MEDITATION No. 416 (2)
CONSOLATION
Here, O My Lord
Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n.
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 622
CWM RHONDDA
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

✠BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE Johann Sebastian Bach
"Little" Fugue in G Minor

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 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.

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 sign-up 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.

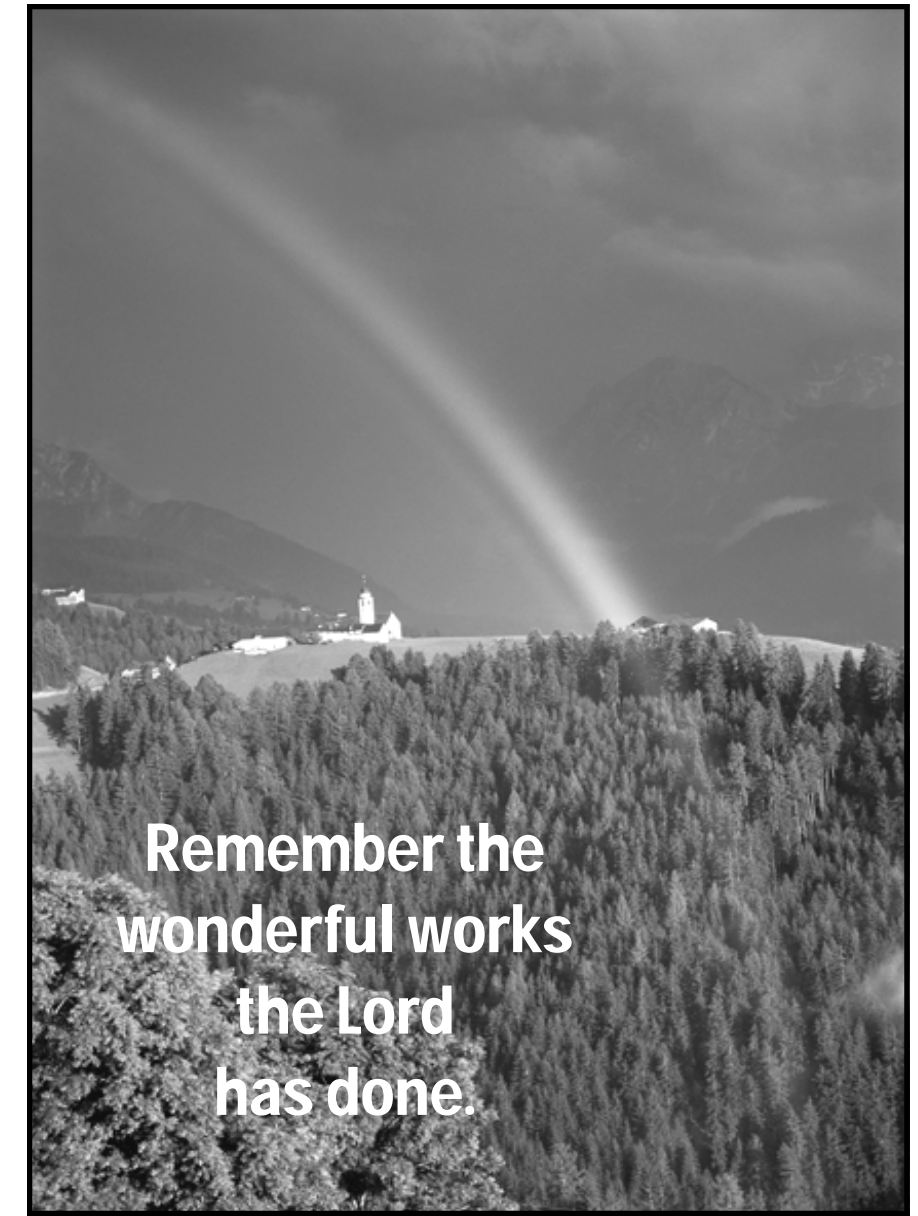
PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

11 a.m.



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