

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle, and Beverly Goines
Guest Preacher: Barbara Blaisdell

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 William F. Hubbard

I Love You, Lord, Today

I love you. I love you. I love you, Lord, today
Because you care for me in such a special way.
And yes, I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.
And yes I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

How Majestic Is Your Name

No. 63

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, Mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

✠OPENING HYMN No. 609 (1-3, 6)

Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing; unto God my praise I bring.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

Leader: Gracious God, come among us today and restore the strength of those who call upon you.

People: Help us be mindful of all that you do and to trust you to uphold your humble and penitent people.

Leader: Shine upon us like the sun and illuminate our path so that we do not stumble or fall.

People: Bless us so we may be a living testimony to your care and your compassion, and your justice and your mercy.

Unison: We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, he who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING Kirk Dearman

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.
(repeat)

✠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 Greg Nelson, Phil McHugh

People Need the Lord

People need the Lord; people need the Lord;
At the end of broken dreams, he's the open door.
People need the Lord; people need the Lord;
When will we realize people need the Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

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Romans 12:1-8

CHORAL PRAISE Byron Smith

Use Me, Lord

Kathy Mosley, soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

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Matthew 16:13-20

HYMN OF PREPARATION Kelly Willard

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
and may the prayer of my heart always be:
make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.
(repeat)

SERMON Barbara Blaisdell

Upon Which Rock Will You Build Your Life?

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. 537 (1-3)

My Hope Is Built

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Stephen Gentle

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Rick Bahr
Tom Kelley

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. 408

Come, Share the Lord

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE No. 614 (1-3)

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

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.

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! Today we welcome to the pulpit of National City Christian Church, the Reverend Barbara Blaisdell. Rev. Blaisdell is a graduate of Ball State University and Christian Theological Seminary. She has served as a congregational pastor since 1980, when she began as a seminary student pastor in Texas. She was the first female pastor at Central Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, and has also served as the senior minister to congregations in California and Hawaii. The author of several published sermons, articles, and co-author of *Theology of Preaching* with Scott Black Johnson and Ron Allen, Rev. Blaisdell has also served as adjunct professor of preaching at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. She is a popular preacher, keynoter, and retreat leader in regional and conference events across the country within both our Disciples fellowship and in our partnership with the U.C.C. She is currently working as a contributing author on *Feasting on the Gospels*, to be published by Westminster John Knox Press, a follow-up to *Feasting on the Word*, to which she also contributed.

Dr. Gentle's Vacation – Because of the trial ending last week (see church statement provided at the entrances), Dr. Gentle postponed his vacation. He will be out of the church office August 23-30. Please contact Rev. Goines or Mrs. Swihart for pastoral concerns.

EVERY SUNDAY

Christian Education School – 10 a.m.

Christian Pathways – Small group for adults 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

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 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. Any food item is greatly appreciated. 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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

Yada (Young Adults) - Happy hour at Vapiano - 1800 M Street, NW (four blocks west of the church, between Farragut and Dupont metros). Text Katie at 808-443-1793 if needed.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Magical, Mystical, Musical, Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Summer Preaching Series – National City welcomes guest preacher, **Dr. Robert Hill**. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and raised in Texas, Dr. Robert Lee Hill has served since 1987 as Senior Minister of the Community Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, with the distinction of being called to the position as the youngest senior minister in the congregation's 119-year history. Before being called to Community in 1985 as associate minister, Dr. Hill worked with Project Return, Inc., a non-profit agency working with ex-prisoners and their families in Nashville, Tennessee, and at All Peoples Christian Center in south central Los Angeles, where he was ordained in 1981. Bob has served on the board of several Kansas City community organizations, where he has received many awards for his work. He is a co-host of the renowned Sunday morning radio call-in show, "Religion on the Line," and the author or editor of eight books on the church and its work.

Congregational Update and Luncheon – after 11 a.m. worship, sandwich and salad will be provided for \$6 donation. Come hear about fall programs and activities. Sign-up in the Atrium front desk today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Parking Policy – With the coming of the busy fall season, parking will be at a premium. Our National City parking spaces will be designated by a bright color on the sign by the garage entrance to National City. Please get a permit from the Atrium desk and display it on your rearview mirror while parking in our designated spaces. Anyone not displaying a permit will receive 2 warnings and then be towed. This applies to only **Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.** Please speak with Mo Jackson, Colleen Walsh, or Barbara Collins if you have any questions.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

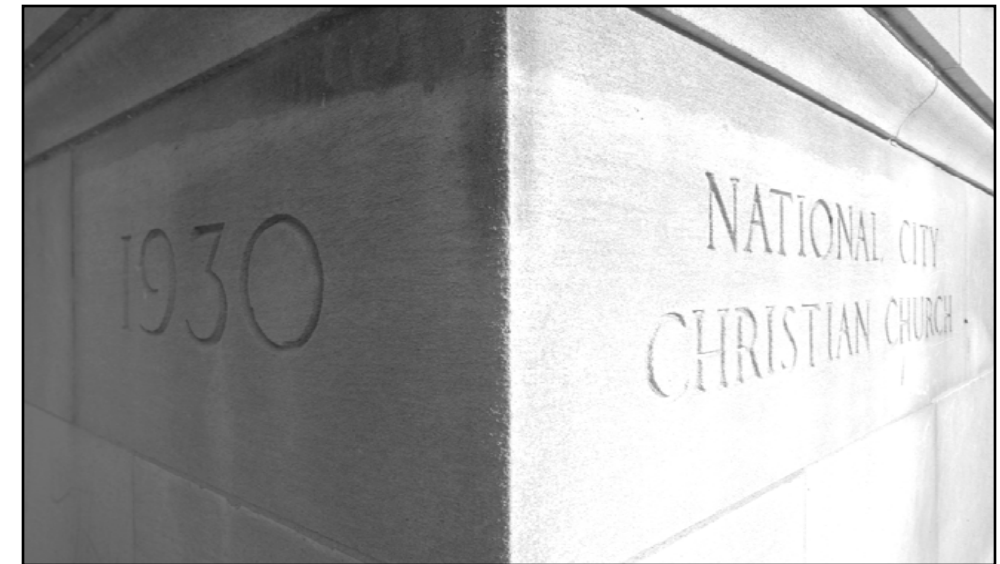
We lift up in prayer those at camp this week;
Pam Chewning; James Green; Lari Grubbs; Polly He; Will Hill;
William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland; C.
William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver; Tamara Webb;
and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Perryhawkin Christian Church, Princess Anne, Maryland

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

On this rock I will build my church.



Matthew 16:18

August 21, 2011
8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)