

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines,  
Natalie Johnston, and Charles Miller  
Guest Preacher: Barbara Blaisdell

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Adagio in D-flat* Franz Liszt  
*Adagio from Sonata No. 1 in F Minor* Felix Mendelssohn  
Ryan McMillan, guest organist

### 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

*Be Still and Know That I Am God* Tom Fettke

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 272  
AURELIA  
*The Church's One Foundation*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Natalie Johnston

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.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 609 (1)  
HENDON

#### *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.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Natalie Johnston  
NT p. 152

Romans 12:1-8

### ANTHEM

Eric Thiman

*O Love of God, How Strong and True*  
Barbara Collins, choir director

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal, yet ever new,  
un-comprehended and un-bought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.  
O wide embracing, wondrous love, we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
We read thee best in Him who came and bore for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high our life to live, our death to die.  
O love of God, our shield and stay, through all the perils of our way;  
Eternal love, in thee we rest, forever safe, forever blest.

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines  
NT p. 17

Matthew 16:13-20

### SERMON

Barbara Blaisdell

*Upon Which Rock Will You Build Your Life?*

## 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. 609 (2, 3, 6)  
HENDON

#### *Take My Life*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Kent Woods

Elder: O God, you have welcomed us by baptism into one holy Church, and joined us by faith to Christian people in every time and place. May your church on earth be a sign of the communion you promise, where we shall all be one with Christ..

**People: Lord, deliver us from mistaken zeal that will not compromise; from claiming true wisdom, but failing to love; from a worldly mind that drums up party spirit; from divisiveness, and refusal to listen to others.**

Elder: As you sent disciples into every land, O God, gather them now from the ends of the earth into one fellowship that chooses your purpose and praises your name, in one faith, hope, and love.

**People: Make us one, Lord, in our eagerness to speak the good news and to set all captives free, in worship and fellowship, breaking one bread together, and singing your praise with one voice.**

**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

John Scott Williams

### 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 SOLO

Arr. Hall Johnson

*There is a Balm in Gilead*  
Alia Waheed, soprano

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 537  
THE SOLID ROCK

*My Hope Is Built*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Prelude and Fugue in C*

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.

*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](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 202-232-0323 during business hours.

**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. 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

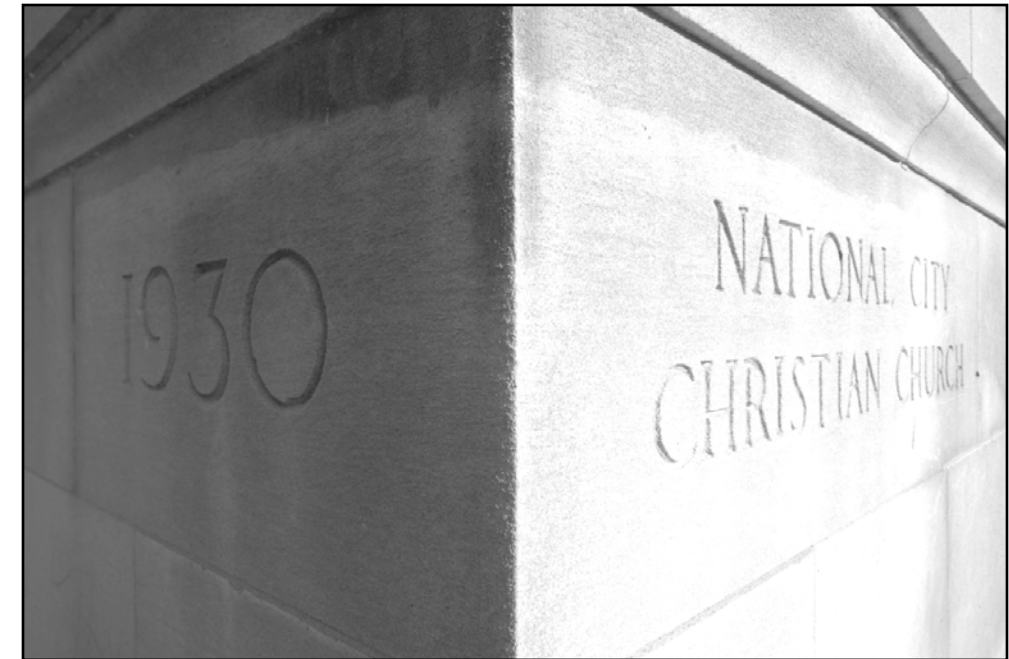
We lift up in prayer those at camp this week;  
Pam Chewning; James Green; Lari Grubbs; Polly He; Will Hill;  
William C. Howland, Jr.; Enid Maitland; C.  
William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;  
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver; Tamara Webb;  
and those in military and civil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

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Perryhawkin Christian Church, Princess Anne, Maryland

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH**  
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On this rock I will build my church.



Matthew 16:18

August 21, 2011  
11 a.m.



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