

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Barbara Collins, Beverly Goines, and Charles Miller
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Behold the Bread of Angels Charles Callahan
Adoro Te Devote (Communion Chant) Gerald Near

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 arr. Moses Hogan

I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table.
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Halleluiah!
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry.
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days. Halleluiah!
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty.
I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days. Halleluiah!

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 386
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN
We Come As Guests Invited

✠OPENING PRAYER Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM Barbara Collins
No. 731
Psalm 19:1-10

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines
NT p. 186
Philippians 3:4b-14

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

ANTHEM arr. John Carter
In Bread and Wine

In bread and wine, your love divine lives on within me day by day.
In praise and prayer I feel you there, a light upon my pilgrim way.
In bread and wine, your love divine restores my wounded weary soul.
In praise and prayer I feel you there, in you I am made new and whole.
In bread and wine, your love divine is offered full and offered free.
In praise and prayer I feel you there, the Lamb who died for me, for me.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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

World Communion

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD AND CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

COMMUNION HYMN No. 417
WINCHESTER NEW

We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

INVITATION TO WORLD COMMUNION Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF PREPARATION Bill Travis

Elder: To God be the glory: great things God has done! To prepare ourselves to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray: Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace:

All: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

Elder: God of Justice, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

All: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

Elder: God of Peace, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

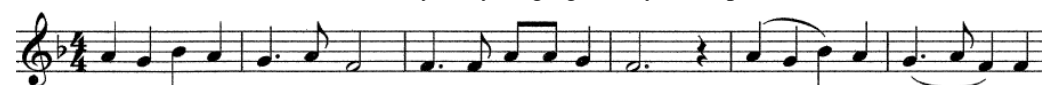
All: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

Elder: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment.


All: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you. This we pray through Jesus the Christ, who taught his disciples to pray saying, 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 OF THANKSGIVING Ann Neeriemer

Elder: Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for our world. The diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia. We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of color and culture yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you by singing this hymn of praise:




Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n are full, are



full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All are invited to go to one of the communication stations in the front, back, or sides of the Sanctuary. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. A tray is provided at each station for an offering and the Connect card. After sharing, please return to your seat.

For anyone preferring to remain in their pew, communion will be brought to you.

HYMN No. 414
BERTHIER

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

SHARING THE ELEMENTS AND THE OFFERING

✠DOXOLOGY No. 46
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

✠PRAYER OF PRAISE (UNISON)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer: Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day of World Communion. May we be a blessing as we go to share your love with the world. Amen.

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. 420
DOVE OF PEACE

I Come With Joy

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Felix Mendelssohn

Fugue in G Major

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 is World Communion Sunday. On this Sunday we unite with Christians all around God's world through the Table of the Lord, praying for ecumenical cooperation and Christian unity. Thank you for worshipping with us on this unique day of unity and praise to God.

Earthquake damage – Please excuse our state of disrepair in the chancel, the capitals of the columns near the apse, and the damaged organ pipes due to the recent earthquake. Special donations may be made by designating an offering to the "earthquake fund."

EVERY SUNDAY

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth, and adults

Classes for middle school students (CYF) will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Classes for high school students (Chi Rho) will meet in Scott Hall.

Christian Pathways – Small group teaching 'Connecting with God' in the Howland Center

***Teachers and substitute teachers are still needed, especially for our elementary students. 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.

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 9 to 10 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

General Board Meeting – Immediately after the 11 a.m. service in the Howland Center to discuss the amended bylaws. Luncheon is \$6.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Michael Stefanek from Appleton, Wisconsin.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Special Worship – Celebrate with Rev. Beverly Goines on her 10th anniversary of ordination. Pulpit guest is Dr. Frederick L. Ware, associate professor of theology, School of Divinity, Howard University.

Congregation Meeting – 12:30 p.m. This is a meeting of the congregation to discuss the amended bylaws. Please sign up for the luncheon, \$10 in Scott Hall.

GLBT Fellowship – Join us at 6 p.m. for food and fellowship at the DuPont Italian Kitchen, 1637 17th Street, N.W.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corn Maze on October 9 – If you're a Chi Rho (middle school) or Junior (elementary) youth, find yourself in the CORN MAZE after church on October 9. Bring a lunch or a few dollars to purchase one and \$8 for admission to the maze (\$9 for adults). We'll leave the church at 12:30 p.m. and return to the city by 5 p.m. Contact Teresa Swihart to join in the fun, to volunteer to drive, or if you have questions.

Chi Rho Fall Retreat – It's late but not too late to sign up for the Chi Rho (middle school) fall retreat at Camp Mary Mac October 14-16. Info brochures can be found in the Atrium or online. Registration forms are online at www.cccadisciples.org. The cost is \$60. Scholarships are available.

Closing weekend at the Bethany Beach Conference Center – October 21-23. All able-bodied folk are needed to help make minor repairs, clean furniture, paint, and baton down the hatches in preparation for the winter. Those interested in helping out for all or part of the weekend should contact the manager Dana Miller at www.cccadisciples.org to let her know you are coming.

Closing day at Camp Mary Mac is Saturday – October 29th beginning at 8. We'll be mouse proofing, cleaning, making minor repairs, climbing ladders, and shutting the facility down for the season. Bring a sandwich for lunch; soup and drinks will be provided. Let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend at Tisatcamp@yahoo.com.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Good Samaritan Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland

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11 a.m.



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