

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster 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

*As We Gather* M. Fay, T. Coomes

As we gather may your Spirit work within us,  
as we gather may we glorify your Name.  
knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,  
we'll be blessed because we came,  
we'll be blessed because we came.  
*(repeat)*

*Mighty Is Our God* Eugene Greco

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;  
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God, glory to our King;  
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name;  
His power is greater, for he has created everything.  
Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;  
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.  
Glory to our God, glory to our King;  
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

✠OPENING HYMN No. 93

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O Earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him! Hail him! Highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to his holy name.  
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children,  
In his arms he carries them all day long:

Refrain

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness;  
Praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins he suffered, and bled and died;  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail him! Hail him! Jesus the crucified.  
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;  
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:  
*Refrain*

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown him! Crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,  
Power and glory unto the Lord belong:  
*Refrain*

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: From the 128th Psalm: "Blessed is every one who obeys the Lord, who walks in God's ways."

**People: "You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you."**

Leader: God of the ages, whose care for your children spans generations, we praise and adore you.

**People: We are taught that Christ calls us to enter your covenant, that you open your Kingdom to all who believe him.**

Leader: Today we come into your house to take part in your graciousness and live by your mercy.

**People: Hear our worship as we offer our lives anew to your Kingdom work, here on earth.**

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands,  
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands,  
He's got all of us together in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

✠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. 111

*Santo, Santo, Santo*

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 Glenn Burleigh

*You Must Be Like a Child*

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena

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Mark 10:13-16

HYMN OF PREPARATION C.H. Woolston

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*  
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in his sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.  
*(repeat)*

SERMON Stephen Gentle

*Praying is Playing*

## 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. 113

*Jesus Loves Me!*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Noemi Mena

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Barbara Boward  
Chip Talbott

## 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. 420

*I Come with Joy*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE No. 431

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*  
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you;  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

*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 continue our “playful” theme of “Lord, Teach us to Play.” Christians following in the way of Christ sometimes make it a difficult and complicated matter. But Jesus reminds us that entering the kingdom is like coming as a child – open, curious, energetic, and playful. Where are the places that we find “playfulness” in our spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, and Christian service? Today let’s explore “Praying is Playing!” as we gather to worship the Lord. Welcome!

#### EVERY SUNDAY

**Sunday School – 10 a.m. for adults**

**Christian Pathways** – Small group 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 during business hours, 202-232-0323.

**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>.

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH**  
AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)

### 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.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

**Young Adult (Yada) Summer Happy Hour** – 5:30pm – til? at Churchkey, 1337 14th St NW (one block north of the church). Text Matt at (703) 772-4619 if needed.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Preaching Series** – In August, NCCC will welcome four distinguished preachers. **Aug. 7: Rev. Beau Underwood**, Partnership and Outreach Coordinator at Faith in Public Life, is past moderator of the Disciple's Young Adult Commission. **Aug. 14: Rev. Michael Livingston**, Executive Director of the International Council of Community Churches, serves on the Poverty Initiative of the National Council of Churches. **Aug. 21: Rev. Barbara Blaisdell**, popular preacher, author, speaker, and retreat leader in regional and conference events, has served as Senior Minister in Indiana, California, and Hawaii. **Aug. 28: Rev. Dr. Bob Hill**, Senior Minister of the Community Christian Church in Kansas City since 1987, is co-host of the renowned Sunday morning radio call-in show and author/editor of eight books.

**Corn Roast at Camp Mary-Mac** - August 13. All you can eat roast corn but chicken dinners must be bought for \$10 from Kathleen Swihart. However, there is other food to buy or you can bring your own. Fun and fellowship for the entire family. Again this year, National City's own Christian rock band, "Eleventh Hour" featuring Patrick Malone, Dale Rowland, and Stuart Keany will perform.

**Labor Day Weekend** – National City has reserved the Conference Center at Bethany Beach for this long weekend. Registration forms can be found in the Atrium or email Teresa Swihart, [tisatcamp@yahoo.com](mailto:tisatcamp@yahoo.com).

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

We lift up in prayer those at camp this week;  
James Green; 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

Landover Christian Church, Landover, Maryland



**July 31, 2011**  
**8:30 a.m.**



**National City Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)