

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Katie Blaisdell and Charles Miller  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Prelude on the tune *Llanfair* McNeil Robinson  
Pastorale on *Jesus Loves Me* J. Wayne Kerr

**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.

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 21  
LLANFAIR  
*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠ **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE** Katie Blaisdell  
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.**

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TRYGGARE KAN

#### *Children of the Heavenly Father*

1. Child - ren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo som ga - ther; nest ling  
2. Though he gi - veth or he ta - keth, God his chil dren ne'er for - sa - keth. His the  
bird nor star in hea - ven such a re - fuge e'er was gi - ven.  
lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Katie Blaisdell  
NT p. 43

Mark 10:13-16

### VOCAL SOLO

arr. Moses Hogan

#### *My Good Lord's Done Been Here*

Louis Davis, baritone

My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul, and gone away.  
Never did I think that He was so nigh, blest my soul and gone;  
He spoke and He made me laugh and cry, blest my soul and gone.

Sinner better mind how you walk on the cross-  
your foot might slip and soul get lost.  
My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul and gone away.

### SERMON

Stephen Gentle

#### *Praying is Playing*

## 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. 113  
JESUS LOVES ME  
*Jesus Loves Me!*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Deloris Ruddock

Elder: God who creates us, Christ who redeems us, Holy Spirit who fills us with wondrous gifts, we come – just as we are – to the Lord's Table.

**People: Accept us and use us to further your Kingdom. Grant that we may enlighten a corner of darkness and bring the truth of your love to those seeking hope and help.**

Elder: Help us to regain a child's sense of wonder and awe for your creation. And lead us to work within it, to the end that your name is praised and you gain the glory. We offer our prayer with the one Jesus taught, saying.

**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

David McKinney

### 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 MEDITATION

Ralph Vaughan Williams

#### *Come My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Louis Davis, baritone

Come, my way, my Truth, my life: such a way, as gives us breath;  
such a Truth as ends all strife; such a life, as killeth death.  
Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ **HYMN OF GOING FORTH** No. 274  
ST. THOMAS

#### *I Love Your Church, O God*

### ✠ BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

J.S. 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.*

*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  
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## 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

11 a.m.



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