

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, 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

*There's Something About That Name* No. 115  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!  
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!  
(repeat)

*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burdens down.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burdens down.

Friends don't treat me like they used to since I laid my burdens down.  
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I feel better, so much better since I laid my burdens down.  
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✠OPENING HYMN No. 725  
*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will.

**People: Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action.**

Leader: Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people.

**People: Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land.**

Leader: When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail.

**People: For we give you thanks that we enjoy the freedom to worship you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 72 (refrain)  
*To God Be the Glory*  
Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

✠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 Darlene Zschech

## *Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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 J. Christie-McAllister  
*Sing Praises to Thee*

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena  
OT p. 528

Psalm 96

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 721 (1, 4)  
*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

SERMON Stephen Gentle  
*Sweet Freedom's Song*

## 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. 720 (1, 3)  
*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Tom Kelley  
Norman Kruse

## 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. 425  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE

*God Bless America*  
God bless America, land that I love;  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.

*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.*

The flowers were given by Kathleen Swihart in honor of Carla Wilson's birthday.  
and by Kathleen & David walking in honor of their birthdays.

*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!** On the Sunday before the celebration of Independence Day, we come to worship and give thanks to God. We pray that God may bless our country, saving us from violence, discord, pride, and arrogance. We pray for our government and our leaders, that there might be justice and peace in our land. May we who have come from many nations -- with many different languages -- be united in our worship today.

### EVERY SUNDAY

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

**Classes for elementary students** will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

**Classes for middle and high school students** will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

**Christian Pathways** – Small group on Acts led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center.

**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](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.

**General Assembly** - For those attending the General Assembly in Nashville next week, there is going to be a brief get-together immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service in Hilda's Gift Shop. Doug Cook will lead this brief meeting to discuss any issues that might come up at the Assembly and be ready to be of counsel and advice to each other, particularly those who may not have attended before.

### MONDAY, JULY 4 NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

### TUESDAY, JULY 5

**Yada** - Join the Young Adults at happy hour at a local hotspot still to be determined at 6:30 p.m. Text Kathleen at 615-424-6498 for details.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Novel Book Club at NCCC** – Our first meeting will be on July 28 at 7 p.m. at Hilda's gift shop. We will be discussing *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Join other book lovers in a lively discussion of this book. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Gentle at 202-332-3736 or [miriam.gentle@gmail.com](mailto:miriam.gentle@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**Washington Jesuit Academy** – July 10 at 6 p.m. George Ashton is hosting a charity event for the Washington Jesuit Academy, a tuition-free middle school that serves low-income, minority boys in grades 6-8 from the DC area. Enjoy an evening boat cruise aboard the *Odyssey* with meal, refreshments, music and dancing, and great company for \$105 per person. For more information please contact George Ashton at 703-862-1905 or at [geasht111@yahoo.com](mailto:geasht111@yahoo.com).

**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

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

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Beaver Creek Christian Church, Hagerstown, Maryland



**July 3, 2011  
8:30 a.m.**



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