

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Charles Miller, and Kathleen Swihart  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*My Lord, What a Morning* arr. Raymond Haan  
*America, the Beautiful* arr. Robert Edward Smith

### 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. 6 MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Kathleen Swihart

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.**

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 721 (4) AMERICA

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*  
Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

### SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Swihart OT p. 528

Psalm 96

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

### SOLO arr. Lee Musiker

*American Anthem*  
Alia Waheed, soprano

All we've been given by those who came before, the dream of a nation where freedom would endure. The work and prayers of centuries have brought us to this day. What shall be our legacy? What will our children say? Let them say of me I was one who believed in sharing the blessings I received. Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America, America, I gave my best to you.

Each generation from the plains to the distant shore, with the gifts that they were given were determined to leave more; valiant battles fought together, acts of conscience fought alone, these are the seeds from which America has grown. Let them say of me I was one who believed in sharing the blessings I received. Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America, America, I gave my best to you.

For those who think they have nothing to share, who fear in their hearts there is no hero there, who that quiet acts of dignity are that which fortifies the soul of a nation that never dies. Let them say of me I was one who believed in sharing the blessings I received. Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America, America, I gave my best to you.

### 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.

### SERMON Stephen Gentle

*Sweet Freedom's Song*

## 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. 720 MATERNA

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

### OFFERTORY SOLO Antonin Dvorak

*I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness*

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon the ten-stringed psaltery. Every day will I extol thee and will bless thy holy name. I will bless thy holy name. Great is God and great his mercy. Who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall his power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, men shall tell of thy great kindness and of thy wondrous might and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.

### ✠DOXOLOGY No. 46 OLD HUNDREDT

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION Beverly Goines

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Bill Knight

Elder: We have come to this table to pray, giving thanks for all that is good in this land. We have come to this table to pray, repenting of that which diminishes our primary allegiance to You.

**People: We have come to this table, O God, because here we are reminded that You are both our creator and our conscience. Here all of our loyalties are put in their proper place, ordered behind our allegiance to You. Be with us in our celebration that our citizenship might become more responsible and our nation more humble.**

**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 Norman Kruse

### 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 HYMN No. 722 (3) FINLANDIA

*This Is My Song*

This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:  
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.  
In peace may all earth's peoples draw together,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 725 NATIONAL HYMN

*God of the Ages*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE David N. Johnson

*Trumpet Tune in D*

*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.*

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>.

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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.

**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  
11 a.m.



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