

# Third Sunday in Lent

## March 7, 11 a.m.

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Steven Moore  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

#### PRELUDE

*Ah, Holy Jesus* Helmut Walcha

*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* Johann Gottfried Walther

*Andante Tranquillo* Felix Mendelssohn

#### MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Steven Moore

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 e-mail 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.

#### CHORAL INTROIT

Healey Willan

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 73  
WELLESLEY

*There's A Wideness In God's Mercy*

#### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Steven Moore

Leader: Out of the depths have I called thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my cry.

**People: I wait for the Lord with all my soul, I hope for the fulfillment of God's word.**

Leader: For in the Lord is love unfailing, and great is the Lord's power to set us free.

**People: I wait for the Lord with all my soul, I hope for the fulfillment of God's word.**

#### ✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 180 (1)  
ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

### THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Steven Moore  
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Luke 13:1-9

#### ANTHEM

arr. Paul Christiansen

*Wondrous Love*

[Text for this anthem may be found in the Chalice Hymnal, page 200.]

#### 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

Why Me, Lord?

### 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 INVITATION

No. 214 (1-3)  
TOPLADY

*Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

#### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Craig Courtney

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Louis Davis, baritone

[Text for this vocal solo may be found in the Chalice Hymnal, page 561.]

#### ✠DOXOLOGY

No. 48  
TALLIS' CANON

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Knight

Elder: Eternal Spirit, source of all that is and ever shall be, we acknowledge your holiness and offer you thanksgiving.

**People: May your commonweath of peace and freedom flourish on earth, until all of humankind heed your call to justice and compassion. May we find the bread that we need for today. And for the hurts we cause one another, may we be forgiven in the same measure that we forgive. In times of trial and temptation, help us to be strong; when life seems overwhelming, help us to endure; and from the yoke of sin, deliver us. May you reign in the power of human love, now and forever.**

#### PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Theresa Beaton

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please eat the bread as it is passed and hold the cup so that we may share it together.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

No. 405 (2)  
SALZBURG

*In Memory of the Savior's Love*

By faith we take the bread of life by which our souls are fed,  
the cup in token of his blood that was for sinners shed.

### THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

#### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 207  
RATHBUN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

#### ✠BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Fugue in C minor, BWV 537*

*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!** 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.

**In Sympathy** – Our prayers are with Diana Morse and her family on the death of her aunt, Frances Smith, at the age of 97. A member of National City, Miss Smith died on March 1. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held after 11 a.m. worship on March 14. Our prayers also go out to Steve Schacht and his family on the death of his brother, Dave Schacht, on March 1.

**Bunkhouse Ministry** – National City looks forward to a busy March in our bunkhouse ministry. March 10 - 13 brings a youth group from University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. First Christian Church, Edmond, Oklahoma brings a youth group March 13 - 16. The Kansas Disciples join us again for the International Affairs Seminar March 17 - 19. And First Christian Church, Rogers, Arizona, comes right afterwards for the seminar on March 20 - 23.

### FOR OUR GUESTS

**Connect With Us!** – We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship at National City Christian Church. Please take a moment and sign the *Connect With Us* card in the bulletin. Indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. Please place it in the offering tray.

**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 membership are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or e-mail [sgentle@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:sgentle@nationalcitycc.org)

**Sanctuary Tour** – Tours of our historic sanctuary are available following the 11:00 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.

**Parking** – Parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel garage on Vermont Avenue. Coupons are available for discounted price of \$4 at the 14th Street entrance desk in the Atrium.

**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. In addition, the sanctuary has an assisted listening system; please request a receiver from an usher.

**EN ESPAÑOL** – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

**Audio Recording** – Tapes of the sermon from the 11 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. Tapes may be ordered by completing the form at the reception desk in the Atrium or by calling the church office. Please add \$2 per tape for mailing. Messages are also available for download at [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org)

**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) and 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>

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Fellers; Paul Fitzgerald; Frances Howard; Ann Howland;

Adele Miller; C. William and Claudine Nichols;

Dick Taylor; Martha Thompkins;

all those who have lost their jobs due to the economy;

and all those in military service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

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Baltimore, Maryland

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 7

**“Blanket Sunday”** – “Blanket Sunday,” sponsored by Disciples Women, will be on Sunday, March 7, providing the opportunity during church services to contribute funds to purchase blankets for disaster relief efforts around the world. The funds are channeled through Church World Service. The cost of each blanket is \$5.

**Children’s Class** – A new class for 3-, 4-, and 5-year olds will meet with Diana Morse in the Nursery Area off of Fellers’ Foyer at 10 a.m.

**Sunday School – Elementary School** children meet in Room 101 in the Campbell Building. **Youth** – High School and Middle School classes meet in Wells Parlor at 10 a.m.

**Christian Pathways** – Please meet in the Howland Center at 10 a.m. for this discussion on prayer. Check at the front desk in the Atrium for more information and directions.

**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.

**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, MARCH 9

**Employment Support Group at 6:30 p.m.** – Anyone who is seeking employment support is invited to meet in the Visitors’ Center. The support group meets weekly. For inquiries, contact Douglas Cook at 301-229-2141.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

**D-Space at 7 p.m. for Young Adults** – Meet in Hilda’s Gift Shop for a study called *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*. Dinner is provided along with stimulating discussion and warm fellowship.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

**Magical Mystical Musical Machine!** – Sanctuary from 12:15 - 1 p.m. A hands-on display in the Narthex and a post-recital demonstration will provide an up-close-and-personal look at the magical mystical musical machine that is the pipe organ.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Studies** – Two study groups are underway and all are invited. Bill Knight leads a group on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. in Hilda’s Gift Shop; John Scott Williams is leading a Sunday evening group in Virginia at the home of Barbara Collins, starting with a gathering at 5 p.m., followed by a light dinner, with the lesson at 6 p.m. Barbara live at 4910 N Centaurs Ct., Annandale. Directions from the beltway: Take exit 52 onto Route 236 going west toward Fairfax 1.3 miles; left onto Wakefield Chapel Rd 1.5 mile; right onto Queen Elizabeth Ave. 1 mile; right onto N Centaurs Court .1 mile - 3rd house on the left, split level, blue shutters

**Yada Lunch after Church** – Sunday, March 14th, 12:15 p.m. after the worship service. This is a great time to invite friends or meet young adults you haven’t had time to get to know! We are going to check out Las Villa up the street from the church on 14<sup>th</sup>. Join us for some food and fellowship.

**An Evening with Yada** – Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m. Yada is inviting the whole church to D-Space to help us kick off our next Adam Hamilton series on the Christianity’s Family Tree. Per usual, we will share dinner, watch the short video on the Orthodoxy, and exploring the themes with a rousing discussion on what we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith. We would love for all of National City to come check out what Yada’s D-Space is all about!

**Inside/Outside Workday** – Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. National City needs some sprucing up in time for Easter. Every little bit helps! Please contact Rick Mohn or Wes Strotman if you are able to help.

**Bach Pipe Organ Marathon** – Saturday, March 20, noon - 6 p.m. Come and enjoy 30 minutes or the whole marathon as National City once again celebrates J.S. Bach’s Birthday! Charles Miller and Christopher Keenan will be playing 6 different hour-long programs.

**All Church Wedding Shower for Trevor and Kristi!** – Saturday, March 20, 2:30- 5:30 p.m. Yada would like to invite all of National City for an afternoon of tapas, games, gifts, and general revelry over the pending wedding nuptials of Trevor Dane and Kristi Beckwith. Please RSVP to Shana Pereira at [shanita77@gmail.com](mailto:shanita77@gmail.com) or 314-238-6093 if you are planning to attend and for directions to her house.

**Help Write the Next Chapter in National City’s Story** – New dates for the Envisioning Sessions: March 27-28. These sessions will help National City discern our calling for the decade ahead. Sign-up for these sessions will be next week.



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