

Third Sunday of Lent

Worship Leaders: 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

You're Worthy of My Praise

(I will worship) I will worship (with all of my heart) with all of my heart.
(I will praise you) I will praise you (with all of my strength) with all my strength.
(I will seek you) I will seek you (in all of my days) in all of my days.
(I will follow) I will follow (all of your ways) all of your ways.

Refrain:

I will give you all my worship,
I will give you all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.

This Is the Day/He Has Made Me Glad

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise;
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

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.

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✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 180 (1)

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.

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

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. 576 (1, 2)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm,
and changeless be, a living fire.

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 Kirk Franklin
More Than I Can Bear

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena
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Luke 13:1-9

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 540 (1, 3)

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy that seekest me through my pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

SERMON Stephen Gentle
Why Me, Lord?

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. 343 (1, 3, 4)

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Kathy Mosley
Paul Heffron

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. White 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

Down at the Cross

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied. Glory to His name!

Refrain:

Glory to His name, precious name.
Glory to His name, precious name.
There to my heart was the blood applied.
Glory to His name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in, glory to His name!
Refrain

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean. Glory to His name!
Refrain

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete. Glory to His name!
Refrain

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE

Till We Gather Again

Till we gather again, God be with you.
Till we gather again, God be with you.
May He give you His love, give you His kindness,
Keep you in perfect peace.
God be with you till we meet again.

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

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

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 14th 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

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 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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PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR AT cajwalsh@gmail.com

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 14th. Join us for some food and fellowship.

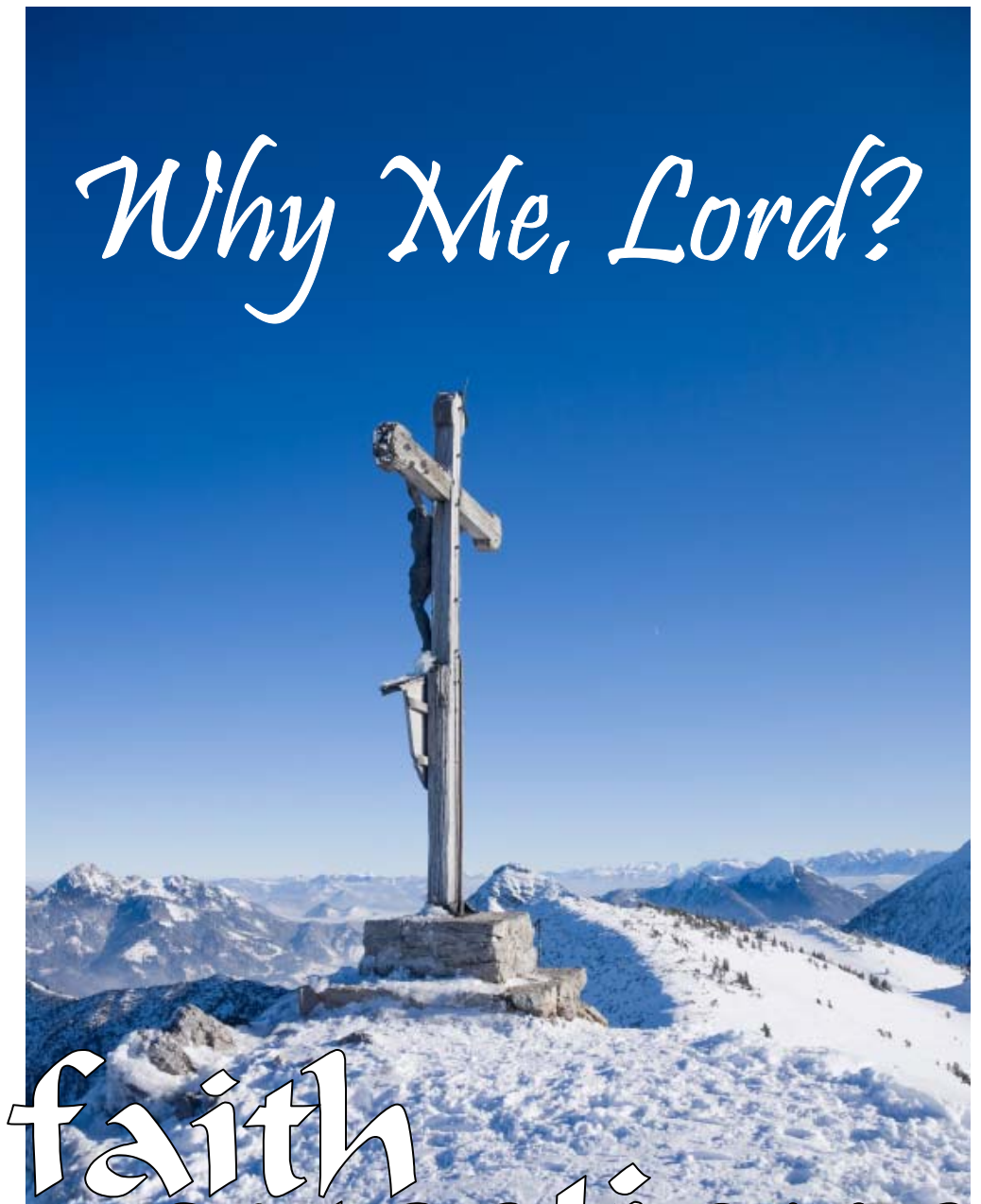
An Evening with Yada – Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m. Yada is inviting the whole church to D-Space to help us kick off our next Adam Hamilton series on the Christianity’s Family Tree. Per usual, we will share dinner, watch the short video on the Orthodoxy, and exploring the themes with a rousing discussion 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 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.



March 7, 2010

8:30 a.m.



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