



National City Christian Church

World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

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Welcome to National City Christian Church, national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open to and affirming of all people. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please fill out the Connect with Us card, and place it in the offering tray.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and C. J. Rodriguez

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

✠ OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

No. 91 (1, 2, 4, 5)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who save you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who save you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

C.J. Rodriguez

Leader: The world belongs to God, the earth and all its people.

People: How good and lovely it is to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and justice come together, justice and peace join hands.

People: If the Lord's disciples keep silent the very stones themselves would shout aloud that our world belongs to God, and God is building a global hope.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

I Just Want to Praise You

Robert Fryson

I just want to praise you forever and ever and ever
 For all you've done for me.
 Blessings and glory and honor, they all belong to you.
 Thank you, Jesus, for blessing me.
 (repeat)

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER

Sweet Hour of Prayer!

No. 570 (1, 3)

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
 and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
 In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
 and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
 to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
 And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
 I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

PASTORAL PRAYER

C.J. Rodriguez

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.

CHORAL PRAISE

At the Table

Richard Smallwood

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

C.J. Rodriguez

Acts 10:11-23

[Peter] saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them." So Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?" They answered, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Make Us One

Carol Cymbala

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love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

What Kind of Church?

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 *Amazing Grace* No. 546
- Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
- Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

- INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines
- PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Charles Hickman
Natalie Carson
- WORDS OF INSTITUTION Beverly Goines

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

The Lord's Supper is for all believers in Christ Jesus. Please come forward down the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Baskets are available at the front for your offering and "Connect With Us" cards. When receiving communion, take a piece of bread or wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

- COMMUNION HYMN *One Bread, One Body* No. 393
- Refrain:
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
- Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.
refrain
- Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
refrain
- Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.
refrain

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

- ✘ BENEDICTION Stephen Gentle
- ✘ CLOSING HYMN *As We Go* Jeremy Johnson
- As we go, may your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned,
share the message we have heard,
And be a light unto the world as we go.
(repeat)

Following the worship service, pastors and elders are at the back and side doors of the Sanctuary to greet you. All are invited to the Atrium for coffee fellowship immediately following the service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Garfield Memorial Christian Church, McLean, Virginia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom Liddle, East Timor

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Willie Alexander; Fay Arrington; Dorothy Davis;
Eddie Franklin; Sue Frost; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;
Courtney & Betty Jones; Shirley Kruse; Tawanna Lloyd;
Robin Schacht; Lily Stewart; Jessica Sylvester;
David Williams; persons in military and civil service
around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hurricane Relief - Those interested in giving may note on their check or offering envelope "Week of Compassion." You can also visit www.weekofcompassion.org. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts and prayers.

Reconciliation Offering - Today we will be collecting for our denomination's special offering for reconciliation. The funds collected are used in the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism work of the church.

Sunday's Message: Today we celebrate Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. On this day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. On this beautiful Sunday that the Lord has prepared, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

World Communion Sunday seeks to enhance the oneness of the church through an awareness that all Christians are seated at the Lord's Table, within our separate faith communities. Observed on the first Sunday in October, we pray for all members of the church universal, that we may be bound together by spiritual ties, and labor together for the coming of God's reign.

Gospel Choir 15th Anniversary - Sunday, October 8. We hope you can join us as we include some favorite selections and praise God, in concert at 3 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.
Christian Pathways - 10 a.m., Large Atrium.
Toddler Class - 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room.
Barbara Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders
Sanctuary Tour - 12:15 p.m. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary, near the President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour of National City.
National Children's Chorus - 1:30 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center, Women's Robing Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Prayer call at 6 a.m. - All are invited to join the weekly conference prayer line for National City. Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter access code 371015. For more information, contact Loretta Tate at 202-489-2020.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

National Children's Chorus - 4 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center, Community Room
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

DC Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall
Book Group Meeting - 7 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Music at Midday - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary, **free**. Piedmont College President James F. Mellichamp will present a recital of beautiful organ works by Ernest Tomlinson, Gabriel Pierné, Joseph Bonnet, Craig Phillips, and Louis Vierne.
Bible Study in Gaithersburg - 7 p.m., Contact: Stephen Gentle at sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.

FOR OUR GUESTS

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

Membership at National City Christian Church - 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

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.

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 202-232-0323 during office hours.

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