



National City Christian Church Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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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. Today's service is approximately 75 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Paul Guequierre, and Stephen Kalnoske

Preacher: Michael McMahon, Minister of Music

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Kalnoske

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Beverly Goines

INTROIT

Taizè Community

The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

✧ OPENING HYMN

No. 18

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

Please join in singing verses 1, 2, & 4. The choir will sing verse 3.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Guequierre

Leader: When we have been left out,

People: God has included us.

Leader: When we have been forgotten,

People: God has remembered us.

Leader: Having heard the invitation from God, we enter into worship this day.

People: Knowing that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, renewed and restored.

Leader: Come let us worship the God of Love,

People: Who loves us so much he sent his only son, who taught us to love one another.

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 35

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM

John D. Horman

Plenty Good Room

Plenty good room! Plenty good room! Plenty good room in my Father's kingdom.

Plenty good room! Plenty good room! So choose your seat and sit down.

My Father says there's room enough, Oh, my Lord!

There's room for me and room for you. Oh, my Lord!

If you get there before I do, Oh, my Lord!

Tell all my friends I'm coming too, Oh, my Lord!

The pearly gates will open wide, Oh, my Lord!

I'll meet you on the other side. Oh, my Lord!

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Paul Guequierre

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

PSALM

God of Mercy, God of Grace (Psalm 67)

DIX



1. God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of your face.
2. Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord; be by all that live a - dored.
3. Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits af - ford.



Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine; fill your church with light di - vine;
Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry to their gra - cious King;
Un - to us your bless - ing give, we to you de - vo - ted live,



all your sav - ing health ex - tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
at your feet their trib - ute pay, and your ho - ly will o - bey.
all be - low and all a - bove, one in joy and light and love.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1834, alt. Tune: DIX, 7 7 7 7 7 7; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

SCRIPTURE READING

Paul Guequierre

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON

Michael McMahon

Mother of the Year

PASTORAL PRAYER

Michael McMahon

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 RESPONDS TO 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

Help Us Accept Each Other

AURELIA



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For jus - tice, and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, And bring us to be - lieve:
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some;
 To prac - tice your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them, Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY HYMN

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Ray Valido, piano

The choir will sing the verses. Please join in singing the refrain.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
 for everyone born, clean water and bread,
 a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
 for everyone born, a star overhead. **R.**

Refrain



And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light



when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

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For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding to share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. **R.**

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need for forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live. **R.**

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace. **R.**

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness, to worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. **R.**

✘ DOXOLOGY

No. 50

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Terri Malone
Jane Campbell

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Beverly Goines

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. If you prefer to remain seated, communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 400 (1)

When You Do This, Remember Me
You, my friend, a stranger once, do now belong to heav'n.
Once far away, you are brought home into God's family.
"When you do this, remember me."

LORETTO

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ GOING FORTH

No. 683

O for a World

AZMON

Please join in singing verses 1, 2, 3, & 5. The choir will sing verse 4.

✘ BENEDICTION

Michael McMahon

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Kalnoske

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 and fellowship immediately following the service.