



# National City Christian Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

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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: Beverly Goines, Valeria Foster, and Noemi Mena

Guest Preacher: C.J. Rodriguez

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beverly Goines

GATHERING MUSIC

*Oh, the Glory of Your Presence*

Bruce Ballinger

Oh, the glory of your presence;  
We, your temple, give you rev'rence.  
Come and rise to your rest,  
And be blest by our praise  
As we glory in your embrace,  
As your presence now fills this place.  
(repeat)

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

No. 529

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"  
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me; singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me; singing, "Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!"

✠ OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

No. 16

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Noemi Mena

Leader: God, you are the power of liberation,

**People: calling your servant Moses to lead your people into freedom, and giving him the wisdom to proclaim your holy law.**

Leader: Be our Passover from the land of injustice, be the light that leads us to the perfect rule of love,

**People: that we may be citizens of your unfettered reign; we ask this through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation. Amen.**

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*If It Had Not Been for the Lord*

Margaret P. Douroux

If it had not been for the Lord on my side,  
Tell me where would I be, where would I be?  
(repeat)

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Beverly Goines

CALL TO PRAYER

*Make Me A Servant*

Kelly Willard

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;  
and may the prayer of my heart always be:  
make me a servant, make me a servant,  
make me a servant today.  
(repeat)

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

## 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

*I Love to Praise Him*  
 Lolita Neal, soloist

Jessye Dixon

**THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Noemi Mena

*Exodus 1:8-2:10*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

*God Will Take Care of You*

Civilla D. Martin

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;  
 Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;  
 He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;  
 Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

SERMON

C.J. Rodriguez

*Being a Puaah & Shiphrah in Times Like These*

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

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

Doris M. Ackers

I am weak and I need your strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see,  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain

Lead me, guide me along the way,  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without your light to see,  
Lord, just always let me your servant be,  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

*Refrain*

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Tom Kelley  
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

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

✘ BENEDICTION

C.J. Rodriguez

✘ CLOSING HYMN

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

No. 614

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere.  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

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

First Christian Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS

Leah Dewey, Thailand

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In Sympathy** - Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of long-time member Ann Capiello, who passed away on August 19 in Laurel, Mississippi, where she had moved to be near her daughter Catherine Nowicki, son-in-law Steven Nowicki, and granddaughter Samantha Nowicki. Choir member Tristan Nowicki is her grandson. Ann will be remembered for her dedication to Christian service and to making National City a welcoming congregation for all. Details about a service of remembrance will be forthcoming.

**Dr. Gentle** is away on vacation and will return to the pulpit on Sunday, September 3

**Greeters Needed** - Greeters are needed for the 11 a.m. worship services for the remainder of the year. If you are interested in being a Greeter, please contact Sadye Sanders at [sadye@verizon.net](mailto:sadye@verizon.net) with the Sundays you will be available to serve, and if you prefer serving at the main entry or the Atrium door. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and become familiar with your National City family.

**Community Service Hours Opportunity** - Young people looking for service hours can help out at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays. Please contact Laurese Dancy at [firerudy4@hotmail.com](mailto:firerudy4@hotmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite.  
**Christian Pathways** - 10 a.m., Community Room.  
**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.

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 28**

**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.  
**House of Ruth Meeting** - 6 p.m., Community Room  
**Capital Pride Meeting** - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

**DCCADV Meeting** - 12 p.m., Community Room  
**Luther Place Poverty Simulation** - 12:30 p.m., Scott Hall  
**National Children's Chorus Auditions** - 3 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center, Community Room  
**Sanctuary DMV Downtown Churches** - 7 p.m., Community Room

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

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

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

**DCCADV Meeting** - 9 a.m., Community Room  
**DC Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**Bible Study in Spanish** - 7 p.m., Atrium

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite. We would gladly welcome singers for this last Sunday of "summer choir," even if you just want to try it out. Contact Dr. J. Michael McMahon at [mmcmahon@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@nationalcitycc.org) or 202-797-0103 for more information or to sign up.

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## 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](mailto: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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