



National City Christian Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017, at 11 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. Today's service is approximately 75 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Jane Campbell, Beverly Goines, Michael McMahon, and Alia Waheed Ky
Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Hal H. Hopson

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

✘ OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

No. 595

SLANE

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Jane Campbell

Leader: Holy Spirit, move through us and bind us together, that we might build up the body of Christ here on earth.

People: Remind us that all of creation is from you; all human beings are created in your image and are your beloved children.

Leader: Cleanse us from hate and strife, envy and greed, and restore in us compassion, justice and mercy.

Unison: May we feel your presence among us today and every day; guide our hands and feet to work for your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

✘ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

No. 35

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.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

Jane Campbell

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

(✘ Please stand as you are able.)

PSALM

O Lord, My Delight (Psalm 119:129-136)

Please join in singing the refrain after the cantor and again after each stanza



O Lord, my de - light, _____ my de - light is in your law.

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Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path.
I have sworn and have made up my mind to obey your decrees. **R.**

Lord, I am deeply afflicted; by your word give me life.
Accept, O Lord, the homage of my lips and teach me your decrees. **R.**

Though I carry my life in my hands, I remember your law.
Though the wicked try to ensnare me, I do not stray from your precepts. **R.**

Your will is my heritage forever, the joy of my heart.
I set myself to carry out your statutes in fullness, forever. **R.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jefferson Beeker

Matthew 113:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

HYMN

NO. 354 (1)

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

How Does Your Garden Grow

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

The Reign of God

McKEE

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1. The reign of God, like farm - er's field, Bears weeds a - long with wheat;
 2. The reign of God is like a pearl, On bar - ren land con - cealed.
 3. Though hid - den now, the reign of God May, yet un - no - ticed, grow;
 4. Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God From ti - ny seed will spread,
 5. The reign of God is come in Christ; The reign of God is near.



The good and bad are in - ter - twined Till har - vest is com - plete.
 If once you find that pre - cious pearl, Go out and buy that field.
 From deep with - in it ris - es up, Like yeast in swell - ing dough.
 Till birds of ev - 'ry feath - er come To nest, and there be fed.
 A - blaze a - mong us, kin - dling hearts, The reign of God is here!

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO

Give Me Jesus

African American Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus.
 You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
 Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
 You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
 Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus.
 You may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

✧ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

No. 47
OLD HUNDREDTH

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Steve Cook
Jane Campbell

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Beverly Goines

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body
 Refrain:

No. 393
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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. **R.**
 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **R.**
 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. **R.**

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✧ GOING FORTH

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

No. 64
ELLACOMBE

✧ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Nachspiel

Anton Bruckner

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.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Good Samaritan Christian Church
Baltimore, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS

Nikotemo Tapeko, Fiji

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Willie Alexander; Fay Arrington; Steven Baines;
Armin Bondoc; Katie Campbell-Morrison; Dorothy Davis;
Eddie Franklin; Sue Frost; Constance Jennings;
Courtney & Betty Jones; Bill Knight; Tawanna Lloyd;
Kenneth Lowenberg; Robin Schacht; Lilly Stewart;
Jessica Sylvester;
persons in military and civil service around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Corn Roast - Purchase your ticket from Kathleen Swihart for the Camp Mary Mac Corn Roast & Chicken Dinner on Saturday, August 19, in Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Celebrate Dr. Gentle's Service to National City - As Moderator Jane Campbell announced at our service on July 9, we are organizing a gift for Dr. Gentle in honor of his "11 and a half" anniversary. She has arranged for Dr. Gentle and Miriam to be the chaplains at the Disciple House on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution from August 19-28 and Jane would love to present the gift on August 12.

Cats Needing Home - Longtime Gospel Choir member Annice Majette is moving where she can't have pets and urgently needs someone to "rehome" her two brother cats that are "good company." Please call Annice at 202-361-8539 if you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 30

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.
Mike Dula Retirement Celebration - 12:30 p.m., Community Room. You are invited to join us to celebrate the retirement of our long-time staff member Mike Dula.

MONDAY, JULY 31

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, AUGUST 1

DCCADV Meeting - 12 p.m., Community Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite. We would gladly welcome members on a temporary basis between now and Labor Day, whether you just want to try it out or make a limited commitment. Contact Dr. J. Michael McMahon at mmcmahon@nationalcitycc.org or (202) 797-0103 for more information or to sign up.

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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