



National City Christian Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

202-232-0323

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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

Completely Yes

Sandra Crouch

"Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord!" From the bottom of my heart to the depths of my soul.

"Yes, Lord!" Completely yes! My soul says, "yes!"

I love you! I love you! From the bottom of my heart to the depths of my soul.

I love you! I really do. My soul says, "yes!"

Let It Rise

Holland Davis

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.

Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.

Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

repeat

✠ OPENING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

Rusty Edwards

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,

Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission compels us from above

To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.

Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,

So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

We all behold one vision, a stark reality:

The author of salvation was nailed upon a tree.

Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share

Free reconciliation and hope amid despair.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,

Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

C.J. Rodriguez

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.**

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with love.
There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one body; that is why we sing:
refrain

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

CALL TO PRAYER

You Are My All in All

Dennis L. Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek,
You are my All in All.

Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my All in All!

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

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

He Has Done Great Things for Me

Jessy Dixon

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

C.J. Rodriguez

Matthew 13:31-33, 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 OF PREPARATION

Sois la Semilla

No. 478 (1, 3)

SERMON

How Does Your Garden Grow

Stephen Gentle

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

I Am Thine, O Lord

No. 601

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Mary Paradise
Chip Talbott

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

No. 422

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

We Must Work

Keith Laws

We must work while it is day,
Spreading the word of God as we go along the way.
We must be willing to do God's will,
Spreading the word of God till it reaches throughout the hills.
We must witness to everyone we meet in every song we sing.
We must tell them of the soon coming King.

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

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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