



National City Christian Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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: Beverly Goines, Valeria Foster, and Noemi Mena

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

Holy Ground

No. 112

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.
(repeat)

Mighty Is Our God

Eugene Greco

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King;
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.
His name is higher, higher than any other name;
His power is greater, for he has created everything.
Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King;
Glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

✠ OPENING HYMN

I Am Thine, O Lord

No. 601

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
And it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to thee.

O the pure delight of a single hour
That before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend
refrain

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To thy precious, bleeding side.

There are depths of love I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with thee.
refrain

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in thine.
refrain

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines
 Leader: We come from different backgrounds, different histories, different places;
People: We follow the same Christ who leads us into New Life.
 Leader: We have different faith experiences, different ways we have known God;
People: But the same Christ calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves.
 Leader: Though our lives have been different, the same Christ calls us now,
Unison: May we enter this time of worship remembering that Christ makes us one. Amen.

✧ SONG OF THANKSGIVING Roy Hicks, Jr.
Praise the Name of Jesus
 Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus,
 He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,
 He's my Deliverer, in him will I trust.
 Praise the name of Jesus.

✧ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

✧ CALL TO PRAYER No. 515
Give Me a Clean Heart

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

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 Glenn E. Burleigh
Follow Me from Let God Arise

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

HYMN OF PREPARATION Isaac Watts
Am I a Soldier of the Cross



1. Am I a sol - dier of the cross, A fol - lower of the
 2. Must I be car - ried to the skies On flow - ery beds of
 3. Are there no foes for me to face? Must I not stem the
 4. Sure I must fight if I would reign: In - crease my cour - age,

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Lamb? And shall I fear to own his cause Or blush to speak his name?
 ease, — While oth - ers fought to win the prize And sailed through blood - y seas?
 flood? Is this vile world a friend to grace, To help me on to God?
 Lord; I'll bear the toil, en - dure the pain, Sup - port - ed by thy word.

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

For What Will You Exchange Your Life

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 Have Decided to Follow Jesus

No. 344

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Noemi Mena

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Steven Cook
Tom Kelley

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Noemi Mena

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

No. 197

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

Let the Church Say "Amen"

Andraé Crouch

Let the church say, "Amen." Let the church say, "Amen."
God has spoken. Let the church say, "Amen."
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

Rockville Nursing Home
Rockville, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS

Scott Nicholson, Mexico

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; Robin Schacht;
Lily Stewart; Jessica Sylvester;
persons in military and civil service around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Kathy & Glen Burger Gerada in memory of parents Florence & Trice Burger.

Memorial Service for Ann Cappiello - Sunday, September 10, at 1 p.m. Reception will follow.

Sunday's Message: Following Christ is not easy. One of the scandals of the cross is the idea that grace costs nothing. While grace is free, it cost our Lord everything. Jesus teaches in Matthew 16:21-28 that true followers of him will "take up their cross." What holds you back from following Christ? On this holiday weekend, let us consider our labors for the Lord.

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 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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, SEPTEMBER 4

LABOR DAY - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

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, SEPTEMBER 5

DCCADV Meeting - 12 p.m., Community Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
National Children's Chorus - 4 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center
ANC 2F - 7 p.m., Community Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Music at Midday - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary, **free**. Local concert organist and choral conductor David Lang will perform organ works by Maurice Duruflé, Johann Walther, David German, Max Reger, and Henri Mulet.
Bible Study in Spanish - 7 p.m., Atrium

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite. As a new season begins, we would be delighted to welcome new members! Contact Dr. J. Michael McMahon at mmcmahon@nationalcitycc.org or 202-797-0103
Ann Cappiello Memorial Service - 1 p.m., Sanctuary

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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