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 Gather for Worship

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Michael McMahon, and Sadye Sanders
Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

Prelude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 553
Johann Sebastian Bach

Two Variations on Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Charles Callahan

Moment of Friendship and Welcome
Stephen Gentle

Introit

Come, Join the Feasting
Ronald F. Krisman

“Come,” you bid us, “join the feasting
At this banquet, richly spread,
Where your thirst is quenched in fullness,
And your hungry hearts are fed.”

* Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
No. 233
HYFRYDDOL

* Response of the People

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for us.
People: Holy is God’s name.
Leader: God has filled the hungry with good things.
People: God has sent the full away empty.
Leader: God has remembered those who serve others.
People: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Leader: Come, let us witness God’s love in word and deed.
Unison: Let us serve Christ by serving all who are in need.

* Congregational Response

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
No. 419 (1)
HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand’ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn from days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

(∗ Please stand as you are able.)
THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-5
Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

PSALM

Taste and See (Psalm 34)
Terri Malone, cantor; Ray Valido, piano
Please join in singing the refrain after the cantor and again after each stanza

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord,
for God has been so good to me. R.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God’s name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles, I was set free. R.

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You’ll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. R.
Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Just a Little Bit

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.

The Came, a Milling Crowd

He loved them with a shepherd’s heart
And fed them with his Word.
From offered loaves he blessed and broke
And made their living bread.
And still we feed, up on the crumbs
And still are satisfied!
By him who is both guest and host
For us, the crucified.
Our Host, a gain you share with us
Your self, the living bread.
**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*At the Table of the World*

Carl Johengen

At the table of the world, some have plenty, some have none.
At the table of our God, all are plentifully fed.
Blow among us, Spirit of God, fill us with your courage and care!
Hurricane and Breath, take us on a journey of love!

At the table of the world, some have honor, some have scorn.
At the table of our God, all are welcomed and acclaimed.
Blow among us...

Set the table of our God in the church and in the world,
Till the children, fed and loved, taste and see that life is good.
Blow among us...

Text: Brian Wren

**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Beverly Goines

**PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP**

Ben Moore

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Charles Hickman

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**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**COMMUNION PROCESSION HYMN**

*Eat This Bread*

BERTHIER

Anne-Michele Maher and Thomas Sabatino, cantors

Please join in singing the refrain. The verses will be sung by the cantors.

Refrain:
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

**GOING FORTH**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

ARHYD Y NOS

**BENEDICTION**

Stephen Gentle

**POSTLUDE**

*Fugue in C Major, BWV 553*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.