



National City Christian Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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: 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

Ronald F. Krisman

Come, Join the Feasting

"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

HYFRYDOL

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Sadye Sanders

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.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Sadye Sanders

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 good - ness of the Lord. O,
taste and see, taste and see the good - ness 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.

HYMN

No. 419 (2)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

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.

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

Just a Little Bit

PASTORAL PRAYER

Stephen Gentle

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.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

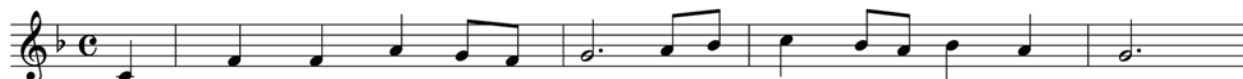
Those desiring to become members of the community of National City Christian Church, either by transfer of membership, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

The Came, a Milling Crowd

ST. THOMAS

Please join in singing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5. The choir will sing verse 3.



1. They came, a mill - ing crowd, And gath - ered round the Lord.
 2. And then, when eve - ning came, They hun - gered and were fed
 3. How great the mys - ter - y! The loaves were mul - ti - plied,
 4. Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine sup - plied
 5. All praise to you, O Christ, By whom we now are fed.



He loved them with a shep - herd's heart And fed them with his Word.
 From of - fered loaves he blessed and broke And made their liv - ing bread.
 And still we feed up - on the crumbs And still are sat - is - fied!
 By him who is both guest and host; For us, the cru - ci - fied.
 Our Host, a - gain you share with us Your - self, the liv - ing bread.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

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

No. 47
OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Ben Moore
Charles Hickman

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Beverly Goines

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

No. 419 (3)
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

No. 414
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

No. 431
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.