The Community gathers for worship

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Ned Lewis, and Noemi Mena
Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

Call to Worship

Stephen Gentle

Gathering Music

William F. Hubbard

I Love You, Lord, Today

I love you. I love you. I love you, Lord, today
Because you care for me in such a special way.
And yes, I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That’s why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.
And yes I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That’s why my heart is filled with praise.

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord

Esther Watanabe

I will bless Thee, O Lord! I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise,
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!
(repeat)

Opening Hymn

Standing on the Promises

No. 552

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.
Refrain

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing; I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.
Refrain

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword,
Standing on the promises of God.
Refrain

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List’ning every moment to the Spirit’s call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.
Refrain

(Please stand as you are able.)
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.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING
Halle-Halle-, Hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
(repeat)

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS
CALL TO PRAYER
Sweet Hour of Prayer
No. 570
PASTORAL PRAYER
Noemi Mena
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
In the Beauty of Holiness
Nettie Sawyer Lester
Ned Lewis, guest pianist

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD’S WORD
SCRIPTURE READING
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 OF PREPARATION
Spirit Song
No. 352 (1, repeat refrain)

SERMON
Just a Little Bit
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  Lavon Bayler

We Have Heard

1. We have heard the voice of Jesus calling all of us to feed All the
2. May God's faithful ones in her it what the patriarchs received: All the
3. God, equip us for your service in the work we do each day. Be our

hungry, thirsting multitudes who live in fear and need. We can
promises in covenant God gave when they believed. May for-
constant inspiration in our struggles and our play. May the

feed them with the joyful news that they are loved and freed As children of God's
giveness come to all who have the Holy Spirit grieving. Restore us in God's
food that you supply be blessed among us as we pray For strength to share your

love. Join in songs of adoration, Filling this and every nation,
love. love.

Living out our true vocation, As children of God's love.

THE COMMUNITY REPLIES TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING  Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP  James Ferguson
Mary Paradise

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 Break Bread Together  No. 425

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION  Stephen Gentle

CLOSING HYMN  As You Go, Tell the World

As you go, tell the world; as you go, tell the world;
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.
Repeat
As you go, tell the world.

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.
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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