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 Gathered for Worship

Worship Leaders: Jane Campbell, Stephen Gentle, Kenneth Lowenberg, Michael McMahon, and Sadye Sanders

Guest Preacher: Miriam Gentle, pastor of Congregational Care at the Village Church at Greenspring Retirement Community

Prelude
Second Sonata in c minor
Felix Mendelssohn-Batholdy
I. Grave: II. Allegro maestoso vivace

Moment of Friendship and Welcome

Stephen Gentle

Introit

Laudate Dominum
Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes, alleluia.
Praise the Lord, all you nations, alleluia.
Text: Psalm 117:1

Opening Hymn

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race
Text: Psalm 117:1

Response of the People

We come together in this holy space because of God;
We are created and sustained by the power of God's love;
We accept his example that shows us what life means;
We experience the presence that inspires us and blesses our fellowship.
Through the blessings of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God through Jesus, the Christ.

Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Community Hears God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Exodus 18:13-20

The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. When Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, “What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?” Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to inquire of God. When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God.” Moses’ father-in-law said to him, “What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do.

(※ Please stand as you are able.)
O Praise the Lord Our God (Psalm 117)

David Robeck, percussion

O praise the Lord our God, all you nations;
glorify his holy name, heaven and earth!
For his loving kindness is great upon us,
and the truth of God forever shall reign. Alleluia!

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

These Alone Are Enough

Alia Waheed Ky, Terri Malone, and Armin Bondoc, soloists

verses 1, 2, and 3 will be sung by soloists or choir. Please join in singing verse 4.

1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
3. I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
4. When the darkness falls on my final days,

Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
I return to you your gifts untold.
take the very breath that sang your praise.

Give me nothing more than your love and grace.

These alone, O God, are enough for me.

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

**In Loving Partnership**

OLD HUNDREDTH

1. In loving partnership we come seeking, O God, your will to do. Our prayers and actions, by grace, each other’s need. We dare to risk and hope and strength within us move. The poor and rich, the us your future to proclaim. Justice and peace be now receive, we freely offer them to you.

2. We are the hands and feet of Christ serving, O God, by grace, each other’s need. We dare to risk and hope and strength within us move. The poor and rich, the us your future to proclaim. Justice and peace be now receive, we freely offer them to you.

3. Loving community we seek; your strong and weak are brought together in your love.

4. In loving partnership, O God, help our desire we humbly pray in Jesus’ name.


GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Jane Campbell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name,

make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia.

PRESENTATION HYMN

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

No. 382 (1)

SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, what’er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Loretta Franklin
Chip Talbott

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Stephen Gentle

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

One Bread, One Body
Sterling Washington and Chris Wilde, cantors
Please join in singing the refrain as you come forward for communion.
The verses will be sung by cantors.

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Andante in D Major
Felix Mendelssohn-Batholdy

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

No. 453
BECHER

**GOING FORTH**

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

**BENEDICTION**

Stephen Gentle

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude for Organ
Fanny Mendelssohn-Batholdy
(1809-1847)

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.

FOR OUR GUESTS

EN ESPAÑOL - Community Room, 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 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.
Christian Pathways - 10 a.m., Large Atrium.
Toddler Class - 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Work Room. Barbara Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders
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, OCTOBER 16
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, OCTOBER 17
National Children's Chorus - 4 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center, Community Room
DMV Sanctuary Meeting - 6:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
DC Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall
LGBTQ Happy Hour - 6 p.m., at Uproar, 639 Florida Ave., NW. Suggested donation minimum donation of $10 to benefit Center Global, which advocates for and acts on behalf of LGBTQ refugees.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20
Music at Midday - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary, free. John Walker, former President of the American Guild of Organists, will perform organ works by Louis Vierne, Pierre Cochereau (transcription), Chelsea Chen, and John Knowles Paine.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite.

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