

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!

SCRIPTURE

Sadye Sanders

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!

HYMN

Daniel L. Schutte

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.

Partners in Mission

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 lov - ing part - ner - ship we come seek -
 2. We are the hands and feet of Christ serv -
 3. Lov - ing com - mu - ni - ty we seek; your
 4. In lov - ing part - ner - ship, O God, help



ing, O God, your will to do. Our prayers and ac - tions
 ing, by grace, each oth - er's need. We dare to risk and
 hope and strength with - in us move. The poor and rich, the
 us your fu - ture to pro - claim. Jus - tice and peace be



now re - ceive, we free - ly of - fer them to you.
 sac - ri - fice with truth - ful word and faith - ful deed.
 strong and weak are brought to - geth - er in your love.
 our de - sire we hum - bly pray in Je - sus' name.

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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, whate'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

No. 393

One Bread, One Body

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

Felix Mendelssohn-Batholdy

Andante in D Major

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH

No. 453

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Fanny Mendelssohn-Batholdy

Prelude for Organ

(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.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Springfield Christian Church, Springfield, Virginia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS

Jeff Wright, Israel/Palestine

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Willie Alexander; Fay Arrington; Dorothy Davis;
Eddie Franklin; Sue Frost; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;
Courtney & Betty Jones; Tawanna Lloyd; Robin Schacht;
Lily Stewart; Jessica Sylvester; David Williams;
persons in military and civil service around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Kathy Swihart in honor Teresa Swihart's birthday and Carla & Bill Wilson's anniversary.

Pulpit Guest: The Reverend Miriam Gentle is Pastor of Congregational Care at The Village Church at Greenspring Retirement Community, Springfield, Virginia. She is a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary and ordained at National City Christian Church where she is presently serving as an Elder.

Sunday's Message: Working on God's kingdom here on earth means partnering with others. "Koinonia" or fellowship means that we partner with God and others, to bring God's message of love and shalom to all. Who are you partnering with?

Commitment Sunday: On this day, you are invited to prayerfully make an estimate-of-giving for 2018. Sharing your giving plans helps our leaders to faithfully prepare for the ministries and mission for next year. An estimate-of-giving represents your best intentions based on what you know at this present time. At any time it can be adjusted, should circumstances change. Our Commitment Sundays are October 15, 22, and 29. Thank you for sharing!

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.

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.

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