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.

The Community gathers for worship
Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster and Beverly Goines
Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

Call to Worship

Gathering Music

Step by Step
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step you’ll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

repeat

Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus
Can’t nobody do me like Jesus,
Can’t nobody do me like the Lord.
Can’t nobody do me like Jesus;
He’s my friend.

Healed my body, told me to run on;
Healed my body, told me to run on;
Healed my body, told me to run on;
He’s my friend.

Picked me up and turned me around;
Picked me up and turned me around;
Picked me up and turned me around;
He’s my friend.

OPENING HYMN

O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain
O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior’s love, who died to set me free;
It tells me of his precious blood, the sinner’s perfect plea.

It tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,
People: “I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.”
Leader: Lord, you have promised us,
People: “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”
Leader: Lord, you have blessed us, saying,
People: “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.”
Leader: Lord, you have humbled us, saying,
People: “I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”
Unison: Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

* Please stand as you are able.
SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord
Don Moen

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord,
Singing, “Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord!”
(repeat)

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS
Stephen Gentle

CALL TO PRAYER
Thank You, Lord
No. 531 (1, 2)

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER
Beverly Goines

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
Taste and See
Kenneth W. Louis

Lolita Neal, soloist

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD’S WORD
Beverly Goines

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why do you test me so? Bring here the coin the tax requires, and see what it will show.”

“Whose image does it bear? Whose name and titles tell?”

“Caesar’s, of course,” they smugly said, and thought they answered well.

“Give Caesar what is his; God, what is God’s alone.”

Strong words, convincing and profound, like truth already known.
In Whose Image?

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**

*Baited, the Question Rose*  
Carl P. Daw, Jr. (5, 6)

May we discern, O God, your daily gifts of grace.  
Show us your image freshly coined in every heart and face.  
Help us fit tribute yield through prayers and hymns we raise,  
But most of all by deeds of love to give you thanks and praise.

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD’S GRACE**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING**  
Stephen Gentle

**PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP**  
Jane Campbell  
Loretta Tate

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**  
Stephen Gentle

**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**  
*Hold Out Your Light!*  
Spiritual, arr. Valeria Foster

Hold out your light, you heav’n-bound soldier;  
Hold out your light, you heav’n-bound soldier;  
Hold out your light, you heav’n-bound soldier,  
Let your light shine around the world.  
*(repeat)*

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 - 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 or through profession of faith and baptism. Full and associate memberships are available. Please 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 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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