



# National City Christian Church

## All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2017, at 10 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

202-232-0323

www.nationalcitycc.org

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

Guest Preacher: Teresa Hord Owens, General Minister and President

#### GATHERING MUSIC

*I Just Want to Praise You*

Robert Fryson

I just want to praise you forever and ever and ever  
for all you've done for me.  
Blessings and glory and honor, they all belong to you.  
Thank you, Jesus, for blessing me.  
(repeat)

*Anticipation*

V. Michael McKay

#### MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

#### ✠ OPENING HYMN

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

HYMN TO JOY



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!  
2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has yet per - ceived!  
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.  
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, To the for - mer days be - long.  
Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing, Nev - er that full joy con - ceived.  
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!  
When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease;  
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits.  
Pa - tri - archs from dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n,  
Oh, to en - ter that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment,



In God's like - ness we a - wak - en, Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
Proph - ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sag - es, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.  
Know, with you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812-1883, alt.

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(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

C.J. Rodriguez

Leader: For the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us,

**People: We give you thanks, O God, for their faith.**

Leader: For the faithful who stayed true to the end,

**People: We give you thanks, O God, for their courage.**

Leader: For the mothers and grandmothers, aunts and uncles, fathers and grandfathers, Sunday School teachers and pastors, coaches and instructors who helped mold and shape us,

**People: We give you thanks, O God, for their wisdom.**

Leader: For our Lord Jesus Christ, who calls the faithful home,

**Unison: We give you thanks, O God, for our eternal home is with you and all the saints!**

ANTHEM

arr. Jester Hairston

*In Dat Great Gittin' Up Mornin'*  
Alia Waheed Ky, soloist

I'm gon' tell you 'bout de comin' of de judgment. Fare ye well, fare ye well.

Dere's a better day a-comin', fare ye well, fare ye well.

In dat great gittin' up mornin', fare ye well, fare ye well.

Oh preacher fold yo' Bible, fare ye well, fare ye well.

Fo' de last soul's converted, fare ye well, fare ye well.

In dat great gittin' up mornin', fare ye well, fare ye well.

Den you see dem coffins bustin', fare ye well, fare ye well,

Den you see de world on fyer, fare ye well, fare ye well,

Den you see de stars a-fallin', fare ye well, fare ye well,

Den you se dat forked lightnin', fare ye well, fare ye well,

Den you hear dat rumblin' thunder, fare ye well, fare ye well.

Fare ye well, poor sinner, fare ye well, fare ye well,

In dat great gittin' up mornin', fare ye well, fare ye well.

**THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Timothy James

*Joshua 4:1-7*

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, This Is the People (Psalm 24)*

Sterling Washington, cantor

Please join in singing the refrain after the cantor and again after each stanza of the psalm.



Lord, this is the peo - ple that longs to see your face.



Lord, this is the peo - ple that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
It is God who set it on the seas;  
on the rivers God made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in God's holy place?  
The clean of hands and pure of heart,  
whose soul is not set on vain things. **R.**

Blessings from the Lord shall they receive,  
and right reward from the God who saves them.  
Such are the people who seek God,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

SERMON

*Reconstructing Memory: Lest We Forget*

Teresa Hord Owens

## 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

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

No. 631

LIFT EVERY VOICE

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Dick Hamm

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*  
Lolita Neal, soloist

arr. Glenn Burleigh

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.  
I would not be a sinner. I'll tell you the reason why.  
I'm afraid my Lord might call my name, and I wouldn't be ready to die.

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.  
I would not be a backslider. I'll tell you the reason why.  
I'm afraid my Lord might call my name, and I wouldn't be ready to die.

Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.  
Has he ever made a way when you didn't have a dime?  
Has he ever stepped in just right on time?  
Has he ever picked you up when you were down?  
Has he ever placed your feet on solid ground?  
Then you know he is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.  
Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.

✠ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

No. 47

OLD HUNDREDDTH

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Allen Harris

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Steve Cook  
Loretta Tate

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Beverly Goines

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

No. 425 (1)  
LET US BREAK BREAD

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Improvisation on *For All the Saints*

Kenneth Lowenberg

## INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. RICK LOWERY AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 56:5-7  
I will give, in my house and within my walls,  
a monument and a name that is  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off ...  
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
all who keep the Sabbath ... and hold fast my covenant—  
these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
... for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

Timothy James

## INSTALLATION

**Teresa Hord Owens:** According to *The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, General ministries are created or recognized by the General Assembly for “broad areas of work, central administrative functions, and specialized study and service to meet responsibilities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in its mission of witness and service to the world.”

**John Imbler:** The “specialized study and service” of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society is to help the church remember its way to God’s future through the witness of history.

**Archie Jenkins:** Peter Morgan, President Emeritus of the Historical Society, has identified five “sacred trusts” in the Society’s call from God and its covenant with God’s church.

**Peter Morgan:** Sacred Trust #1: to gather, preserve and make accessible the historical documents of the Stone-Campbell movement. Sacred Trust #2: to foster a community of historians.. Sacred Trust #3: to bring to the church the witness of history as it prays, does theology, and works out its mission and destiny. Sacred Trust #4: to be a place of hospitality where healing and understanding and community can be encouraged among the branches of the Stone-Campbell movement. Sacred Trust #5: to be a place which enriches the Stone-Campbell movement’s wider ecumenical witness.

**Tamara Rodenberg:** Bethany College is pleased to be in covenant with the Historical Society, sharing historic grounds and stewardship over a great common heritage of passion for Christian unity and the flourishing of all creation. It is with pleasure that we welcome a new president as a partner in ministry and mission.

**Archie Jenkins:** The Historical Society's president is a servant leader and steward of these trusts and commitments. The Board of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society has called as its next president, The Rev. Dr. Richard H. "Rick" Lowery.

**Teresa Hord Owens:** Rick, as you prepare to take on this role, I ask you: do you reaffirm your good confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and Savior of the World?

**Richard Lowery:** I do.

**Teresa Hord Owens:** Rejoicing in God, do you now renew your covenant of love with the wider Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its partners, and will you strive to lead the Disciples of Christ Historical Society to live out that covenant in appropriate ways?

**Richard Lowery:** I will.

**Teresa Hord Owens:** Congregation, will you stand, representing the whole church? Do you now stand as witnesses to this covenant of love with the wider Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and will you strive to participate in that covenant in appropriate ways, including with your prayers?

**Congregation: We will.**

**Teresa Hord Owens:** As we move toward a time of prayer, I'd like to ask Rick's family to come forward and join us in a prayer of blessing and commission.

*(All the participants in the service join in the laying on of hands.)*

I invite you to gently lay hands of blessing on Dr. Lowery while I pray: O, God you have called your servant, Rick, into leadership as president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. Bless him, we pray, with wisdom, insight, courage, and strength. Give him perspective and balance, rest and renewal. Surround him with faithful voices, honest and loving. Instill in him a love of your church, but even more a love of your people. Make him faithful to the vocation to which you have called him in this season, that through his work and through the witness of the Historical Society, the future of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) may, in the words of Isaiah, be "a monument and an everlasting name, a covenant with God," and "a house of prayer for all peoples..." **AMEN.**

✠ HYMN

No. 533

FAITH

*We've Come This Far by Faith*  
We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;  
trusting in his holy word, he's never failed me yet.  
O can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

## **OSCAR HAYNES EXHIBIT DEDICATION BY THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

WORDS OF TRANSITION

Stephen Gentle

OPENING OF THE DEDICATION

Archie Jenkins  
*Chair of the DCHS Board of Trustees*

PRESENTATION OF THE BRIDGE BUILDER AWARD

Rosetta Robinson  
*Commission for Congregational Life and MLK Task Force*

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL CONVOCATION CENTENNIAL

John M. Imbler  
*Interim Executive Director, DCHS*

ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL CONVOCATION

Patricia Penelton  
*President of the Board of the National Convocation*

## Begin procession to the Oscar Haynes Exhibit Area

Please follow the choir into the atrium and walk straight ahead at the bottom of the stairs, following the directions of the greeters to fill in places on the mezzanine level and down the stairs or elevator to the ground level. We will continue singing until everyone is in place for the continuation of the dedication ceremony.

### ✠ PROCESSION TO THE MEZZANINE

No. 442

#### We Are Walking

We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God.

We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God.

We are walking (walking, we are walking, walking),  
we are walking in the light of God.

We are walking (walking, we are walking, walking),  
we are walking in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God . . .

We are singing in the light of God . . .

We are dancing in the light of God . . .

We are praying in the light of God . . .

*Repeat verses as needed.*

### IMPORTANCE OF THE OSCAR HAYNES EXHIBIT

Peter Morgan  
*President Emeritus, DCHS*

### THE LIFE OF OSCAR HAYNES

Joan Bell-Haynes  
*Executive Regional Minister, Central Rocky Mountain Region*

## RIBBON CUTTING

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION

Richard H. Lowery  
*President, DCHS*

Please join us for Brunch (\$10 suggested donation) served in the 1st Level of the Atrium.  
Seating is available in the Community Room and the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

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**Pulpit Guest:** Rev. Terri Hord Owens is General Minister and President in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. A native of Terre Haute, Indiana, one of Indiana's oldest African-American free settlements, Terri earned her bachelor's degree in Government with a minor in Afro-American Studies from Harvard University. Terri began her professional career in the area of information technology, spending 23 years in the area of management consulting and data management. Despite professional success, she felt God had another assignment, and she accepted her call to ministry. Rev. Owens earned the Master of Divinity degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School and was later appointed Dean of Students at the University of Chicago Divinity School. At the same time, Rev. Owens served as Senior Minister at First Christian Church in Downers Grove, Illinois, a small congregation with a large heart to serve and give. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multicultural congregations, and the mentoring of youth and young adults. She is married to Walter Owens, Jr., with whom she will soon celebrate 30 years of marriage. They are the proud parents of an adult son, W. Mitchell Owens, III.

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Willie Alexander; Fay Arrington; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; 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.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Winchester Avenue Christian Church  
Martinsburg, West Virginia

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Phyllis Byrd, Kenya

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers were** given in honor of Richard Lowery and Sharon Watkins by Peter and Lynne Morgan on the occasion of Dr. Lowery's installation as president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

**Sympathy** - Sue Frost passed away on Monday, October 30. The Memorial Service for our longtime member and leader of National City will be held in the Sanctuary on Monday, November 13, at 11 a.m. Please uphold Sue's family in your prayers as we give thanks for her life redeemed in Christ Jesus.

**2018 Financial Pledge** - If you have not made an estimate of giving yet, please fill out a pledge card located at the front desk in the Atrium, or email Treasurer, Gentry Alexander at [gentry.alexander@gmail.com](mailto:gentry.alexander@gmail.com)

**Thanksgiving Special Offering** - On November 12 and 19, we will be collecting the Thanksgiving Offering. This offering goes directly for the support of Disciples universities, colleges, and theological institutions. These gifts help in continuing the tradition of developing leaders for the Disciples churches and community.

**Hurricane Relief:** We continue to remember our sisters and brothers who are still recovering from the hurricanes, including our friends in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and other affected islands in the Caribbean as well as the Gulf Coast. Your offering marked "Week of Compassion" goes directly to our church's efforts to provide relief.

**Gluten-free Communion Wafers** are available in the marked cup on the bread tray.

## CONNECT WITH US

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**Sanctuary & Gospel Choirs Rehearsal** - 8:30 a.m., Music Suite.

**Brunch** - Noon, Atrium. \$10 donation.

**NCCCF Board of Trustees Meeting** - 1:30 p.m., Howland Center.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**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, NOVEMBER 7**

**DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Meeting** - 8:30 am, Howland Center

**Disciples Women Meeting and Luncheon** - 11 a.m., Music Suite

**National Children's Chorus** - 3 p.m., Atrium, Community Room, Music Suite, Howland Center, Robing Room.

**Gospel Choir Rehearsal** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9:30 a.m., Community Room

**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium

**Martha's Table Outreach** - 4:45 p.m. Contact: Gary Lewis

**Fortissima Choir Rehearsal** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

**Service of Healing and Remembrance** - 7 p.m., Howland Center. Join us to be encouraged and to perceive God's presence and direction even through your pain. Everyone is welcome to attend whether your loss is recent or occurred long ago.

**LGBTQ Ecumenical Bible Study** - 7 p.m., Community Room. Come and join us for the fourth session in our Bible Study series on LGBTQ persons and the Bible. We will focus our study this month on New Testament passages that are frequently interpreted as having an anti-LGBTQ meaning. Come to explore what the Bible really says (and doesn't say) as we learn and discuss together.

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**DC Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite

**All Staff Meeting** - 12:30 p.m., Community Room

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - VETERANS DAY OBSERVED**

#### **NCCC OFFICES CLOSED**

**Bible Study in Gaithersburg** - 7 p.m., at the Malone's home in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9 a.m., Music Suite.

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

**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](mailto:sgentle@nationalcitycc.org)

**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.

# Service of Remembrance and Healing

Grief comes to all of us, and the holidays can be especially difficult when mourning the loss of a loved one. Yet, God is found even in the midst of our grief.

Join us in this Service of Remembrance and Healing to be encouraged and to perceive God's presence and direction even through your pain.

Everyone is welcome to attend whether your loss is recent or occurred long ago.

Come and light a candle in honor of your loved one. Come to strengthen others and to be strengthened!

Bring a picture of your loved one with you.

*...weeping may endure for a night,  
but joy cometh in the morning.  
~Psalm 30:5*

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7 p.m.

Howland Center

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