



# National City Christian Church Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018, at 11 a.m.

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**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

Worship Leaders: Aixa Diaz, Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, Kenneth Lowenberg,  
and Michael McMahon

Guest Preacher: Bernard "Chris" Dorsey, President  
Higher Education and Leadership Ministries

### PRELUDE

*Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé  
(1902-1986)

*Lord, Build Me a Cabin in Glory Land*

Curtis Stewart  
setting by Uzee Brown, Jr. (b. 1950)

### MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

### INTROIT

*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.

Albert A. Goodson  
arr. Valeria Foster

### ✧ OPENING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

No. 595  
SLANE

### ✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Aixa Diaz

Leader: Spirit of Justice, we are grateful to be together this morning on the weekend when we remember  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**People: We remember not only him, but also the thousands of unnamed women and men who put their  
bodies and lives on the line so that all may be free.**

Leader: May the work of Dr. King and those who follow continue to eradicate injustice wherever and whenever  
we encounter it.

**People: Dr. King went to the mountaintop; he saw the Promised Land, and he reassured us we will get  
there one day.**

Leader: May that be no paradisaal dream, but a reality in our own time.

**Unison: We worship you, O Lord our God, as we honor you with praise, prayers and our very lives.**

### ✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*My Tribute*

No. 39  
MY TRIBUTE

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,  
to God be the glory for the things you have done.

With his blood Christ has saved me;  
with your power you have raised me;

to God be the glory for the things you have done. (*Repeat.*)

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

# THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Aixa Diaz

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

CHORAL PSALM

Bernadette Farrell

*O God, You Search Me (Psalm 139)*  
Anne-Michele Maher, soloist

O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me:  
Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar.  
And with love everlasting you besiege me:  
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
You have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future, too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,  
Still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me,  
Gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am I praise you:  
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

SCRIPTURE READING

Aixa Diaz

*John 1:43-51*

"The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'"

ANTHEM

Eduardo J. Lango  
adapt. Louis Sykes

*I'll Be Somewhere Listening for My Name*  
Chris Wilde, soloist

When he calls me I will answer,  
I'll be somewhere listening for my name.

With a glad heart I will answer,  
I'll be somewhere listening for my name.

When he calls you, will you answer?  
You'll be somewhere listening for your name.

SERMON

Chris Dorsey

Call and Response

## 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

No. 583

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

LEAD ME GUIDE ME

Please join in singing the refrain. The choir will sing the verses.

*Refrain (Congregation):*

Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness.

Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. **R.**

*Verses (Choir):*

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. **R.**

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. **R.**

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Give Me Jesus*  
Alia Waheed Ky, soloist

African American Spiritual  
arr. Jester Hairston

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day, give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

### ✠ DOXOLOGY

No. 50

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Gentle

### PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Jane Campbell  
Kathryn Farley

### 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. *Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available in a marked section on the bread tray.*

### COMMUNION HYMN

No. 452 (1)

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

*Choir:*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*All:*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠ GOING FORTH

No. 631

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

### ✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

### POSTLUDE

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

African American Spiritual  
arr. Norah Duncan IV

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.

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Aspen Hill Christian Church  
Aspen Hill, Maryland

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Lindley Kinerk and Andy Jepson, Sri Lanka

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pulpit Guest - The Reverend Bernard "Chris" Dorsey**

is President of Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM) for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada. HELM works with higher education partners to develop and nurture Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and world. HELM focuses its mission into three areas: Leadership Programs, Colleges and Universities, and Theological Education. Rev. Dorsey, an ordained Disciples minister, received a BS from the University of Texas at Austin, a M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and is a PhD. Candidate at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He has served as a congregational pastor, university chaplain, seminary vice president of development and marketing, and assistant professor of theology and preaching. Rev. Dorsey resides in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is the father of 13-year-old daughter, Alanis.

**Our Daily Prayer** - I give you thanks for today's breath and life, O God, for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends, and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity. Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings and show me sides of life that I have not known. Urge me to follow you today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Sympathy** - Our condolences to Ms. Lolita King Neal and her family on the passing of her father on January 4, and Chaplain John Von Almen and his family on the passing of his mother on January 2. We give thanks to God for each of their lives and for life eternal promised by Christ.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

**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.  
**MLK Commemoration Service** - Sunday, January 14, at 2 p.m., at United Christian Parish in Reston, Virginia. Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, our General Minister and President, will preach at this event sponsored by the Christian Church Capital Area's Commission for Congregational Life.

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

#### **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY - OFFICES CLOSED**

**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, JANUARY 16**

**Disciples Women Bible Study** - Music Suite, 11 a.m.  
**National Children's Chorus** - 3:30 p.m., Community Room, Visitors Center, Music Suite, Howland Center, Roving Room

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9:30 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Fortissima Choir** - 7 p.m., Music Suite  
**ANC 2f Meeting** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

**Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite  
**LGBTQ Happy Hour** - 8 p.m., at Uproar Lounge and Restaurant, 639 Florida Ave., NW. \$10 minimum donation suggested to benefit the NCCC LGBTQ ministry, including participation in the 2018 Capital Pride Festival.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

**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.