



National City Christian Church

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 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: Jane Campbell, Beverly Goines, and Kenneth Lowenberg

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Voluntary No. 4 in D Minor and Major (Slow; Allegro moderato)

William Walond

(c. 1725-1770)

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

INTROIT

The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

Taizé Community

✧ OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 2

HYMN TO JOY

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Jane Campbell

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for calling us here today to refresh ourselves in your presence, to grow strong in your praises and wise in your counsels.

People: We ask that your radiance penetrate any darkness that may be upon our hearts and that you would grant us peace as we meditate upon your word.

Leader: This is the Sabbath that you have made, O Lord, we would rejoice and be glad in it, and give glory unto your name.

People: Blow through this place and upon our lives with the power of your everlasting Spirit, and lift up your people in our worship of you.

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

No. 342 (1)

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Jane Campbell

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In God Alone (Psalm 62)

Anne-Michele Maher, cantor

Please repeat the refrain after the cantor and again after each stanza of the Psalm.

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
God my peace and joy. On-ly in God my
soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

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For God alone I wait in silence;
truly my help is in God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken. **R.**

In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge. **R.**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.
Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. **R.**

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds. **R.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jane Campbell

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

ANTHEM

God Is Calling through the Whisper
Sterling Washington, soloist

Polish carol
harm. Wilbur Lee

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle

SERMON

God is Calling

Stephen Gentle

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Stephen Gentle

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.

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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

No. 344
ASSAM

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

C. Hubert H. Parry
arr. H.A. Chambers

Dear Lord and Father
Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives, thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier

✘ DOXOLOGY

No. 47

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Natalie Carson
 Gary Lewis

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Beverly Goines

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. 538 (4)

Hope of the World

VICAR

Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
 from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt:
 we render back the love your mercy gave us;
 take now our lives and use them as you will.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ GOING FORTH

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

AURELIA



1. You walk a - long our shore - line Where land meets un - known sea.
 2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er The peo - ple of the earth.
 3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; We cry the king - dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
 We can - not fish for on - ly Those lives we think have worth.
 We work for love and jus - tice; We learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low Through storm and wave and shoal,
 We spread your net of gos - pel A - cross the wa - ter's face,
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



Then I will make you fish - ers But of the hu - man soul."
 Our boat a com - mon shel - ter For all found by your grace.
 To let your judg - ment heal us So that all may be one.

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✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Voluntary No. 5 in G Major (Allegro vivace)

William Walond
 arr. Harry Wall

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.