



National City Christian Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 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: Beverly Goines, Sarah Hedlund, Kenneth Lowenberg, and Michael McMahon

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Meditation on *Picardy* (Hymn 182)

Leo Sowerby
(1895-1968)

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

INTROIT

Charles Miller

Sing Praise to God
Sing praise to God!
Sing praise to God, all the earth!
Praise God with the sound of the trumpet!
Sing praise to God! Alleluia!

Text: Based on Psalm 150:1, 3

✧ OPENING HYMN

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

NETTLETON



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and ho - ly place,
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows; splen - dor bathes the flesh - joined Word;
3. Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our faith de - cline,



where we wait with hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.
Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the heav'n - ly voice is heard.
we like Pe - ter find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is not in vain,
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the law and proph - ets meet:
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess,



search - ing like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
Christ, with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
that our dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Sarah Hedlund

Leader: Turn our thoughts away from the busy-ness of the world;

People: Turn our minds to you, O God.

Leader: Turn our hearts away from the desires of this world;

People: Turn our love toward one another and you, O God.

Leader: Turn our whole selves away from ways of this world;

People: Turn us to love, compassion, and justice, O God.

Leader: In this time of worship,

Unison: may we be one in spirit, mind, and body, as we seek to be renewed in Christ Jesus.

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 176 (4)

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
 where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
 glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv'n as Jesus set his face
 toward the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Sarah Hedlund

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

PSALM

The Mighty God with Power Speaks (Psalm 50)

KINGSFOLD



1. The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2. God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3. The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;



from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.



The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;



and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

ANTHEM

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair!
 O wondrous sight! O vision fair
 of glory that the church may share;
 which Christ upon the mountain shows,
 where brighter than the sun he glows.

 With shining face and bright array,
 Christ deigns to manifest today
 what glory shall be theirs above
 who dwell with God in perfect love.

AGINCOURT HYMN

Text: Latin, 15th century, trans. John Mason Neale, 1854, alt.

SERMON

Transfom Us

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

Transform Us

No. 182

PICARDY

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
 Alia Waheed Ky and Chris Wilde, soloists

arr. Gustav Holst

✠ DOXOLOGY

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!

No. 50

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Steve Cook
 Charles Hickman

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. 233 (3)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, be on earth our food and stay.
 Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
 Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
 where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

COMMUNION MUSICChorale Improvisation on *Picardy* (Hymn 182)

Paul Manz

(1919-2009)

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH

No. 21

Let The Whole Creation Cry

LLANFAIR

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDEChorale Improvisation on *Hyfrydol* (Hymn 233)

Paul Manz

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.