



# National City Christian Church

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018, at 11 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005  
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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: Stephen Gentle, Beverly Goines, Paul Heffron, Kenneth Lowenberg and Michael McMahon

Guest Preacher: Rick Morse, Vice President,  
Disciples Hope Partnership

PRELUDE

*Ar hyd y nos (Hymn 431)*

*Welsh Melody*, arr. Dale Wood  
(1934-20030)

*This Joyful Eastertide*

*Vruechten*, arr. Dale Wood

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

INTROIT

*Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus*

Plainsong, Mode 6  
adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.  
The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion in the body of Christ.

Text: Based on Luke 24:35 and 1 Cor 10:16

#### ✧ OPENING HYMN

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY



1. Christ is ris - en! Shout ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - 'ry one!

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

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MUSIC: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Heffron

Leader: Breathe in this place, O Lord,  
**People: by the power of your Holy Spirit,**  
 Leader: to open our minds,  
**People: to unlock our hearts,**  
 Leader: and enliven our faith  
**People: so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen**

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alleluia

No. 106  
 ALLELUIA

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Paul Heffron

*1 Samuel 17:32-40*

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of [Goliath]; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them.

Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Miren que Bueno/O Look and Wonder (Psalm 133)*

Ray Valido and Anne-Michele Maher, cantors

One of the cantors will sing the refrain in both English and Spanish. Please repeat the refrain in both languages and then again after each stanza of the psalm.



Miren qué bueno cuando los hermanos están juntos, se como aceite bueno derramado sobre Aarón. **R.**

How good it is when brothers dwell in peace with one another; it is like precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard.

Miren qué bueno es cuando las hermanas están juntas, se parece al rocío sobre los montes de Sión. **R.**

How good it is when sisters dwell in peace with one another, fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill.

Miren qué bueno es cuando nos reunimos todos juntos, porque el Señor ahí manda vida eternal y bendición. **R.**

How good it is when all earth's people dwell in peace together: That is where God will pour the blessing, life forevermore.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Paul Heffron

*Luke 24:36-48*

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law

of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

No. 218 (1, 2)  
MACCABEUS

SERMON

*Five Smooth Stones*

Rick Morse

## 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

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

No. 475  
WAREHAM

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*  
Ye sons and daughters of the King, alleluia,  
Lift up your hearts, let voices ring! Alleluia!  
Now to the Lord your praises bring, alleluia,  
Christ is upraised! Rejoice and sing! Alleluia!

Volckmar Leisring  
(1588-1637)

✘ DOXOLOGY

*O Risen Christ, Our Blessed Lord*  
O risen Christ, our blessed Lord, all praise to you let earth accord, alleluia, alleluia!  
You are while endless ages run with Father and with Spirit one, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Kent Woods  
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.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*  
Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us and spread thy table in our heart.

No. 398 (1)  
ST. AGNES

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ GOING FORTH

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

No. 431  
AR HYD Y NOS

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

*O Filii et Filiae*

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

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

Fay Arrington; Richard Bahr; Barbara Boward;  
Paul Campbell; Doug Cook; Dorothy Davis;  
Eddie Franklin; Tracie Foxx; Helen Gray;  
Constance Jennings; Courtney and Betty Jones;  
Cyril Jones; Tawanna Lloyd; Mary Paradise;  
Robin Schacht; Lily Stewart; Esther Tyson;  
David Williams; persons in military  
and civil service around the world.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

For the Campers, program and staff of  
Christian Church Conference Center,  
Bethany Beach, Maryland

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Bruce Van Voorhis, Hong Kong

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pulpit Guest** - Rev. Rick Morse is the Vice President of Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation and our retreat leader for this weekend. Rev. Morse has worked with National City Christian Church previously in the New Beginnings strategic plans. If you would like to learn more about Hope Partnership, visit the website [hopepmt.org](http://hopepmt.org).

**Daily Prayer:** God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal. I thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life than I did yesterday. Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others, and eyes to see the beauty in your world; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**In Sympathy** - Our prayers surround Timothy Schaefer with the recent death of his mother and his grandmother. We give thanks for their lives redeemed in Christ Jesus.

**Planning Retreat for Our Church's Future** - Sunday, April 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. 3rd Floor Conference Room. All are welcome to participate in the church's retreat this afternoon. Join us!

**Ecumenical Advocacy Days** - April 20-22, Double Tree Hotel, Crystal City. The theme is ***A World Uprooted: Responding to Migrants, Refugees, and Displaced People.*** [www.advocacydays.org](http://www.advocacydays.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9 a.m., Music Suite  
**Christian Pathways Adult Study** - 10 a.m., 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  
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### **MONDAY, APRIL 16**

**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, APRIL 17**

**National Children's Chorus** - 4 p.m., Howland Center, Music Suite, Atrium  
**Gospel Choir Rehearsal** - 7 p.m., Music Suite

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9:30 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Hope Partnership Assessment** - 1 p.m., Community Room, 2nd Fl. Conf. Room, 3rd Fl. Conf. Room  
**Fortissima Choir** - 7 p.m., Music Suite  
**ANC 2f Meeting** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

**Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite  
**LGBTQ Happy Hour** - 6 p.m., the Uproar Lounge, 639 Florida Ave., NW. Minimum suggested donation of \$10 benefits the Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance.

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

**Music at Midday - FREE!** 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. David K. Houston, from College Park, Maryland, will present a program entitled "Langlais All Day," performing four organ works of Jean Langlais composed over the span of three decades, from 1933 to 1961.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

**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.