



National City Christian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018, at 8:30 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.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle, and Beverly Goines

Guest Preacher: Rick Morse, Vice President
Disciples Hope Partnership

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

I Love You, Lord, Today

William F. Hubbard

I love you. I love you. I love you, Lord, today
Because you care for me in such a special way.
And yes, I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.
And yes I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Kirk Dearman

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.
(repeat)

✠ OPENING HYMN

He Lives!

No. 226

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care;
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing will come at last.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

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.

Unison: Amen

✧ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus, Stand Among Us

Bob Gillman



1. Je - sus, stand a - mong us in thy ris - en power; Let this time of
 2. Breathe the Ho - ly Spir - it in - to ev - ery heart; Bid the fears and



wor - ship be a hal - lowed hour.
 sor - rows from each soul de - part.

✧ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✧ CALL TO PRAYER

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

William Kirkpatrick

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
 Just to take him at his word,
 Just to rest upon his promise,
 Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
 How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
 Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
 O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
 Just to trust his cleansing blood,
 Just in simple faith to plunge me
 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beverly Goines

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

CHORAL PRAISE

Amen

Spiritual, arr. Valeria Foster

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Ordinary People
Valeria Foster, soloist

Danniebelle Hall

SERMON

Five Smooth Stones

Rick Morse

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.

✘ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

This Is My Father’s World

No. 59

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD’S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Loretta Tate
Chip Talbott

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Stephen Gentle

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

The Lord’s Supper is for all believers in Christ Jesus. Please come forward down the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Baskets are available at the front for your offering and “Connect With Us” cards. When receiving communion, take a piece of bread or wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. After you have received the Lord’s Supper, please return to your seat by the side aisle. *Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available in the marked cup on the bread tray.*

CHORAL COMMUNION HYMN

A Communion Hymn
Refrain

Nolan Williams, Jr.

Oh, this we do in remembrance of you,
this we do to honor you;
Oh, this we do in remembrance of you:
because you have bid us to.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

He Got Up!
Death, where is your sting?
Sting, where is your grave?
Grave, where is your victory?
He got up! God raised him up!
He got up; all power’s in his hands!

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 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.

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

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

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.