



National City Christian Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 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. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us. 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, Gary Lewis, Kenneth Lowenberg,
and Michael McMahon

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Adagio

Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

Sonata on *Lauda Anima*

Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

INTROIT

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Jacques Berthier

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Text: Psalm 103

✠ OPENING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

No. 23 (1, 3, 4, 5)

LAUDA ANIMA

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Gary Lewis

Leader: In God alone we put our trust and hope.

People: May we learn to walk together by faith.

Leader: In Christ we know God's love and forgiveness.

People: May we love and offer forgiveness to one another.

Leader: In the Spirit we know God is doing a new thing.

People: May we trust in the work of the Holy Spirit among us, joining our hearts together on this journey of faith.

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 721 (4)

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;

long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;

protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Gary Lewis

Mark 5:21-37

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

PSALM

All with Joyful Exultation (Psalm 30)

Please repeat the refrain after the choir and again after each stanza.

Refrain



All with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our praise;
to the rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas raise.

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Lord, we sing with joyful voices; your great power can lift and save;
by your healing touch, revive us; life restore beyond the grave. **R.**

Praise to you, our sure salvation, you, the Holy One above.
End the night so dimmed by anguish, with our light of peace and love. **R.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Gary Lewis

Mark 5:38-43

When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

PSALM

All with Joyful Exultation (Psalm 30)

Please join in singing the refrain at the beginning and again after each stanza.

Refrain (as above)

All with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;
to the rock of our salvation loud hosannas raise.

Verses

Change our sorrow to rejoicing; clothe with gladness all despair;
cause unsteady feet that stumble now to dance beneath your care. **R.**

Dry our tears we shed in mourning; give us steadfast hope always;
fill our hearts with expectation; fill our songs with thanks and praise. **R.**

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

Through Eyes of Faith

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 67 (1, 2, 3, 6)
ST. ANNE

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Alia Waheed Ky, soloist

African American Spiritual
arr. William L. Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

✠ 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 power 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

Ben Moore
Loretta Franklin

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Beverly Goines

COMMUNION HYMN

Here at Thy Table, Lord
Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
touch with thy pierced hand each common day;
making this earthly life full of thy grace,
till in the home of heaven we find our place.

No. 384 (3)
BREAD OF LIFE

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH

This Is My Song

No. 722
FINLANDIA

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson
(1922-1987)

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; Katie Campbell-Morrison;
Douglas Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin;
Tracie Foxx; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;
Courtney and Betty Jones; Tawanna Lloyd;
Mary Paradise; Beverly Schacht; Luverna Smith;
Esther Tyson; John Scott Williams;
persons in military and civil service around the world.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Camp Mary Mac, Sharpsburg, Maryland
for all the campers, counselors, directors,
and staff throughout the years!

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Ameila Casillas and Pedro Carlo Muniz, Paraguay

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Reflecting on Scripture: Faith is greater than fear and death. This is not an easy statement of belief, especially when times are difficult. Grief, mourning, and even despair, are an inevitable part of life. But Jesus teaches us that God will see us through. Let's consider the two healing stories intertwined in Mark 5:21-43, as we consider how to face fear -- and even death itself -- through eyes of faith.

Daily Prayer for this Week: By your grace I begin this day, Lord; by the power of your Spirit I draw my breath. As the dawn brightens into day, enlighten my mind with your truth and open my heart to all those I meet, that I might reflect the light of Jesus Christ, in whose name I give thanks and praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers were given by Kathy Swihart in honor of Carla Wilson's birthday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Christian Pathways Adult Study - 10 a.m., Atrium
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.
Special Birthday Celebration - Please join us in celebrating Kathy Swihart's birthday with cake provided by her family, after the 11 a.m. service

MONDAY, JULY 2

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.
CCCA Regional Meeting - 7 p.m., Large Atrium

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY- NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

THURSDAY, JULY 5

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Bible Study in Gaithersburg - 7 p.m., at Terri Malone's home.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

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.