



# National City Christian Church

## Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

### July 1, 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 and Beverly Goines

Pianist: Ned Lewis, Director of Howard University's Chapel Choir

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

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.

### *Awesome God*

Rich Mullins

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome God.  
*repeat*

He reigns! He reigns! He reigns!  
Our God is an awesome God!  
*repeat*

✠ OPENING HYMN

### *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

Fanny J. Crosby

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry,  
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

#### Refrain

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

#### *Refrain*

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.

#### *Refrain*

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

#### *Refrain*

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

- ✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Valeria Foster  
 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.**

- ✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 41  
*Halle-, Halle-, Hallelujah*  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
*Repeat*

- ✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

- ✘ CALL TO PRAYER Bob Cull  
*Open Our Eyes*  
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
 To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
 Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,  
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.  
*Repeat*

PASTORAL PRAYER Valeria Foster

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 Thelma Gross  
arr. V. Foster  
*Out of the Depths*

*Oh, It Is Jesus*  
 Valeria Foster, soloist; Ned Lewis, guest pianist Andraé Crouch

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Valeria Foster

*Mark 5:21-43*

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 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.

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*He Touched Me*

No. 564

SERMON

*Through Eyes of Faith*

Stephen Gentle

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

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

No. 339 (1-3)

## **THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Mary Paradise  
Travaughn Lovick

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.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

No. 425

## **THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

✧ BENEDICTION

Beverly Goines

✧ CLOSING HYMN

*God Be with You*

Thomas A. Dorsey

God be with you; God be with you;  
God be with you until we meet again.  
God be with you; God be with you;  
God be with you until we meet again.  
*(repeat)*

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; 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](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.