



National City Christian Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

I Love to Tell the Story

August 5, 2018, at 11 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. 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: Steven Baines, Beverly Goines, and Kenneth Lowenberg

Leader: Michael McMahon

PRELUDE

Organ Settings of Children's Hymns Wilbur Held (1914-2015)
All Things Bright and Beautiful; I Sing a Song of the Saints of God;
Children of the Heavenly Father; Jesus Loves Me;
Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Michael McMahon

✧ OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 16
NETTLETON

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before God, singing for joy.

**People: Know that the Lord is God,
who made us, to whom we belong.
We are God's people, the sheep of God's flock.**

Leader: Enter the temple gates with thanksgiving
and its courts with songs of praise.
Give thanks and bless God's name.

**People: Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal God's merciful love.
God is faithful from age to age.**

Sadye Sanders

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Softly and Tenderly

No. 340 (1)
THOMPSON

OPENING REFLECTION

Michael McMahon

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:10-13

Sadye Sanders

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	No. 480 HANKEY
HYMN	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> Verse 1: all; Verse 2: higher voices (all sing refrain); Verse 3: lower voices (all sing refrain); Verses 4 and 5: all	No. 56 DIX
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Ephesians 4:1-7</i>	Charlie Daniel
<p>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.</p>		
HYMN	<i>Precious Lord</i> Verse 1: solo. Sterling Washington, soloist Verses 2 and 3: all	No. 628 PRECIOUS LORD
HYMN	<i>In the Garden</i>	No. 227 GARDEN
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>John 6:24-35</i>	Charlie Daniel
<p>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."</p> <p>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."</p>		
HYMN	<i>For All the Saints</i> Verse 1: all; Verse 2: left side; Verse 3: right side; Verses 4 and 5: all	No. 637 SINE NOMINE
HYMN	<i>God of the Ages</i>	No. 725 NATIONAL HYMN
PASTORAL PRAYER		Beverly Goines
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		Beverly Goines

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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

No. 557

CLOSER WALK

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Steven Baines

OFFERTORY SOLO

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;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

No. 47

OLD HUNDREDTH

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Steven Cook
Jane Campbell

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Steven Baines

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

Let Us Break Bread Together
Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

No. 425 (1)

LET US BREAK BREAD

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH

Lift Every Voice and Sing

No. 631

LIFT EVERY VOICE

✠ BENEDICTION

Michael McMahon

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Nicolas Jaques Lemmens
(1823-1881)

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; Douglas and Chieko Cook;
Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Tracie Foxx; Helen Gray;
Constance Jennings; Courtney and Betty Jones;
Tawanna Lloyd; Beverly Schacht; Esther Tyson;
John Scott and Beverly Williams;
persons in military and civil service around the world.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Heritage Christian Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Bosela and Brigitte Eale, Kenya

The North American Pacific/Asian Disciples Convocation

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Daily Prayer for this Week: Gracious God, I seek your guidance as I prepare for my day; let me see all people as your beloved children: some needing care, some needing forgiveness, all deserving dignity, respect, and hospitality. In all events, grant me the comfort of your presence, so that I can faithfully obey your will.

Dr. Gentle is away today and will return to the church office on August 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Dancy & Tate family in honor of Esther Tyson's birthday.

and given by Sara Ketchum in honor of June Chewning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Martha's Table Outreach - 4:45 p.m., Contact: Gary Lewis
LGBTQ Bible Study - 7 p.m., Music Suite, We will discuss the topic of home and family. All are welcome!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
LGBTQ Community Brunch - 1 p.m., at Nage, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, NW (In the Courtyard Marriott Hotel on Scott Circle). To sign up, please email Rev. Mike McMahon at mmcmahon@nationalcitycc.org

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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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!

Join Us for a Picnic and Donation Rally

SATURDAYS AUGUST 11 & 18 @ 10 AM

5 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW

We will provide Hot Dogs, Drinks, & Treats for the Picnic - You provide items for the Donation Rally!

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Canned Goods, Bottles of Water
- Non-Perishable Food
- Soap, Shampoo, Tooth Paste
- Wash Clothes, Towels, Tooth Brushes