

National City Christian Church World Communion Sunday October 7, 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: Steven Baines, Beverly Goines, Sarah Hedlund, and Kenneth Lowenberg

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE Songs Without Words for Piano

no F. Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

Confidence, Op 10, No. 4 Morning Song, Op. 62, No. 4 Contemplation, Op. 30, No. 1

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

INTROIT Be Known to Us adapt. Mason Martens

№ OPENING HYMN

No. 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

▼ Response of the People

Sarah Hedlund

HYMN TO JOY

Leader: As we come to the table of the Lord today on World Communion Sunday,

People: We remember the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues.

Leader: We gather in the name of the Almighty, Creator of every man and woman, every plant and animal.

People: We join in the chorus of praise with sisters and brothers around the world to celebrate our Lord.

Leader: May Christ's church be strengthened as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

Unison: O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirits of all flesh. Hear our

humble intercession for all races and families on earth, that you will turn all hearts to yourself. Let us unite our hearts with all people who gather to worship you, and may we be one in Christ

as we come around the table of the Lord.

№ Congregational Response

No. 35

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Sarah Hedlund

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples — for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

At the Table of the World

At the table of the world, some have plenty, some have none. At the table of our God, all are plentifully fed.

Refrain

Blow among us, Spirit of God, fill us with your courage and care! Hurricane and Breath, take us on a journey of love!

At the table of the world, some have honor, some have scorn. At the table of our God, all are welcomed and acclaimed.

Set the table of our God in the Church and in the world, Till the children, fed and loved, taste and see that life is good.

SERMON World Communion Stephen Gentle

PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNION

Pastor: On this World Communion Sunday, we thank our Creator God for calling us as stewards. We see and feel

the textures of the world. We pray for reconciliation among God's people. We listen that we may hear

God's word and know that God is full of grace, even now;

Unison: Even now, O God, even in Africa.

Africa: where the church grows rapidly. Where faith is exuberant. Where a bright mosaic of culture shows Pastor:

the world the vibrancy of God's love.

Unison: Even now, O God, even in Asia.

Pastor: Asia: so vast, so deeply rooted in tradition. Where the church may be small, but where religion is great.

Gentle Asia, beautiful Asia, divided Asia.

Unison: Even now, O God, even in the Middle East.

Pastor: Middle East: the cradle of the church; the birthplace of Jesus; the land we call holy. Where the pain of the

cross is so vivid; where the pain of war is so relentless; where the dry earth is watered by the tears of its

children.

Unison: Even now, O God, even in Europe.

Europe and its Christian heritage: where art, music, and architecture inspired generation upon generation, Pastor:

and empty church buildings now stand as monuments to a faith of yesterday.

Unison: Even now, O God, even in Latin America.

Pastor: Latin America: where the church struggles valiantly for the weak and the poor. In Latin America, so rich in

the bounties of creation, so misused by outsiders.

Unison: Even now, O God, even here in North America.

Pastor: North America: where so much affluence hides so much poverty and disease. North America, the

sometimes hollow land, with so much to give. May we be bold in the Spirit, but humble in our work. May

we share God's grace in word and deed.

Unison: Even here, O God, even here at National City Christian Church.

Pastor: At National City Christian Church, in a denomination that seeks to be "a movement for wholeness in a

fragmented world," a church inspired by the prophet Micah to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly

with our God." We pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying:

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

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.

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 687 ST PETER

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north.

But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; His service is the golden cord close-binding human kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be; All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west in him meet south and north; All loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

INVITATION TO OFFERING Steven Baines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus Said, "Follow Me"
Jesus said, "Follow me," go where I go.
Question and learn from me, God's way to know
I welcome one and all, calling by name
All who, in covenant, God's will proclaim.

Sinners were welcome where Jesus was guest.
All those who needed help, by Christ were blessed.
Ones who professed their need, though they had strayed,
When Jesus touched their lives, found hope and aid.

Jesus still calls today, "Come, follow me!"

Be my disciples now; help others see.

Mercy and grace abound within God's care.

We are Christ's letters now, God's truth to share.

Text: Lavon Bayler

₱ Doxology No. 47

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.

Invitation to Communion Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Gary Lewis Travaughn Lovick

TIDINGS

OLD HUNDREDTH

BREAD OF LIFE

Words of Institution Beverly Goines

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 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether No. 392 (1, 3)

COMMUNION MUSIC Songs Without Words F. Mendelssohn Consolation, Op. 30, No. 3

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

O Christians, Haste

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell the world that God is one who cares, That God who made all nations is not willing one life should perish, lost in deep despair.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation, that God in whom we live and move, is love. Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation, and died on earth that we might live above.

Refrain

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious, give of your daughters, speed them on their way. Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious, till God shall bring a new and joyful day.

Refrain

▶ BENEDICTION Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE Songs Without Words F. Mendelssohn Faith, Op 102, No. 6

All are invited to the Atrium for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.

Worship and preaching resources: David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, ed. Feasting on the Word (Louisville: Westminster Press, 2009); Colbert Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. Chalice Worship (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999); Revised Common Lectionary, Center for Biblical Preaching, www.workingpreacher.org

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Fay Arrington; Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; 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

Retired clergypersons, those clergy who serve noncongregational settings, seminarians, and persons under care by the Commission on the Ministry

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Jerri Handy, Mexico

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for this day. Guide my mind in your way and help me to do your will. All praise, honor, and glory is yours. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valet Parking is available for those in need. Please see a volunteer at the Atrium front desk.

Special Offering for Reconciliation is to support our efforts to be a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church. Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Through your generous giving to Reconciliation, our wider church provides programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships between congregations and communities.

Women's Support Group - All women survivors of sexual assault are invited to a support group led by Ms. Marie Temple and resourced by Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines, For questions and meeting date, please contact Dr. Goines at bgoines@nationalcitycc.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Christian Pathways Adult Study - 9:45 a.m., Atrium. Dr. Peter Morgan will speak on "A Love Affair with God and Nature."

Children's Class - 10 a.m., 3rd Floor Classroom.
Barbara Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders
Sanctuary Tour - 12:30 p.m. Meet Rick Bahr at the
Communion Table and he will take you upstairs for a tour
of the beautiful Sanctuary. All are welcomed to attend.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

Prayer call at 6:30 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, OCTOBER 9

National Children's Chorus - 3:30 p.m., Music Suite, Howland Center, Community Room Gay Men's Chorus - 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite Capital Pride Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

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. at Martha's Table **Fortissima Singers -** 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite **Latinx Congregation Service -** 7 p.m., Community Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Jordan Prescott (Baltimore, Maryland) will perform organ works of Herbert Howells, William Bloom, Ad Wammes, Johannes Brahms, and Leo Sowerby, concluding with "Afro Cuban" by Johannes-Matthias Michel.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite All Worship Services will be held in the Howland Center until further notice.

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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.