



*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.**

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

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

## ✠ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

No. 687

ST PETER

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

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"*

BREAD OF LIFE

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*

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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  
*Consolation, Op. 30, No. 3*

F. Mendelssohn

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH

No. 482

*O Christians, Haste*

TIDINGS

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  
*Faith, Op 102, No. 6*

F. Mendelssohn

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

## 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 non-congregational settings, seminarians, and persons under care by the Commission on the Ministry

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Jerri Handy, Mexico

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

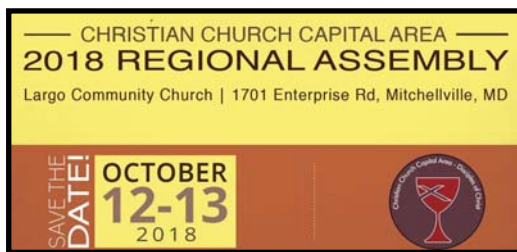
Dear God, thank you for this day. Guide my mind in your way and help me to do your will. All praise, honor, and glory is yours. Amen.

## 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](mailto: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.**

## CONNECT WITH US

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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.