



National City Christian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005
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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. 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: Steven Baines, Valeria Foster, and Beverly Goines

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

As We Gather

Mike Fay & Tommy Coomes

As we gather may your Spirit work within us,
as we gather may we glorify your Name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
we'll be blessed because we came,
we'll be blessed because we came.
(repeat)

In the Sanctuary

Kurt Carr

We lift our hands in the sanctuary.
We lift our hands to give you the glory.
We lift our hands to give you the praise,
and we will praise you for the rest of our days.
Yes, we will praise you for the rest of our days.

We clap our hands in the sanctuary.
We clap our hands to give you the glory.
We clap our hands to give you the praise,
and we will praise you for the rest of our days.
Yes, we will praise you for the rest of our days.

We sing our song in the sanctuary.
We sing our song to give you the glory.
We sing our song to give you the praise,
and we will praise you for the rest of our days.
Yes, we will praise you for the rest of our days.

✠ OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 2 (1, 2, 4)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

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.

✧ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one body; that is why we sing:

Refrain

✧ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✧ CALL TO PRAYER

We Are One

arr. Valeria Foster

We are one, we are one.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one.
(repeat)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Steven Baines

CHORAL PRAISE

Perfect Praise

Brenda Joyce Moore

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Steven Baines

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."

✧ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Make Us One

Carol Cymbala



World Communion

✘ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Jesus Said, Follow Me*Lavon Bayler
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.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Charles Hickman
Mary Paradise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Beverly Goines

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

Come, Share the Lord

No. 408 (1, 2)

We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

As We Go

Jeremy Johnson

As we go, may your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned,
share the message we have heard,
And be a light unto the world as we go.
(repeat)

All are invited to the Atrium for coffee 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

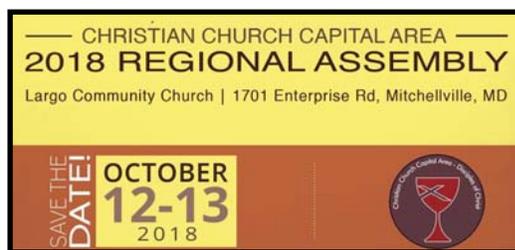
Dear God, thank you for this day. Guide my mind in your way and help me to do your will. All praise, honor, and glory is yours. Amen.

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



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 gentle@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.