



National City Christian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019, at 11 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

202-232-0323

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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 1 hour and 15 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Valeria Foster, Miriam Gentle,
Beverly Goines, and Kenneth Lowenberg

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Chant de May (Song of May)

Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)

INTROIT

O How He Loves You and Me

HE LOVES YOU AND ME

O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me;
He gave his life - what more could he give?
O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!
Text: Kurt Kaiser

✘ OPENING HYMN

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

No. 83
JULIAN

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, Source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun;
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace;
your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know;
until I flow'r, until I know.

✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Miriam Gentle

Leader: Shepherding God, lead us through the valley of the shadow.

People: Lead us into the way of life.

Leader: Shepherding God, guide us away from greed and envy.

People: Lead us into peace and justice.

Leader: Shepherding God, lead us to the table you have set.

People: Lead us to the table of forgiveness and grace.

Leader: Shepherding God, you are the gate.

People: Lead us to you, as we worship today, in Christ's blessed name.

Unison: Alleluia. Amen.

✘ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 233 (1)
HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.
Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above.
There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

(✘ Please stand as you are able.)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. **R.**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are his. **R.**

Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation:
“Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.” **R.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign, Alleluia. **R.**

✠ DOXOLOGY

O Risen Christ, Our Blessed Lord

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

O risen Christ, our blessed Lord, all praise to you let earth accord, alleluia, alleluia!
You are while endless ages run with Father and with Spirit one, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Kent Woods
Gary Lewis

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Steven Baines

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the closest center aisle to you. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the outside aisle. *Gluten-free communion wafers are available in the small silver tray on the communion table.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

No. 398 (1)

ST. AGNES

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prière (Prayer) from 4 Pieces for Organ

Joseph Jongen

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

No. 80

RESIGNATION

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk, your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

POSTLUDE

Joseph Jongen

Choral from 4 Pieces for Organ

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

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Fay Arrington; Douglas and Chieko Cook;
Dorothy Davis; Ann Flowers; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray;
Constance Jennings; Courtney and Betty Jones;
Tawanna Lloyd; Harold Magnussen;
Mary Paradise; Al Pennybacker; Beverly Schacht;
Kathleen Swihart; Marie Temple; Esther Tyson; Beverly
Williams; persons in military and civil service around the
world; and victims of natural disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries
Rev. Sharon Stanley Rea, Executive Director

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Judy Chan, Hong Kong

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by Timothy Schaefer in memory of his mother, Dorothy A. Schaefer.

Today's message: "The Lord is my Shepherd" is an image that describes the length, width, and depth of God's love for us.

Daily Prayer: Lord, thank you that you are our good Shepherd and I can trust you with my life. Thank you for your guidance and care. Thank you that you restore my soul. Thank you for your goodness and love that follows after me. I praise you today for the assurance that I will dwell with you forever, in Christ Jesus.

FOR OUR GUESTS

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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. Associate or student memberships are available as well. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 12

MOTHERS' DAY

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite
Christian Pathways Class - 9:45 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.
Blanket Sunday Offering - Church World Service distributes thousands of blankets around the world thanks to your donation of just \$10 a blanket!

MONDAY, MAY 13

National LGBTQ Task Force - 2 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Potomac Fever - 7 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, MAY 14

National LGBTQ Task Force - 2 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Capital Pride Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
ANC 2f ABRA Policy Meeting - 7 p.m., Community Room
Fortissima Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, MAY 16

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Basque organist **Loreto Aramendi** (San Sebastián, Spain) will perform works of Dietrich Buxtehude and Charles Tournemire along with transcriptions of works by Franz Liszt and Camille Saint-Saëns.
Kyiv Chamber Choir Concert - 6 p.m., Sanctuary. A great opportunity to hear hidden treasures from 1,000 years of Ukrainian folk music. Limited number of discounted tickets are available, contact Steve Baines at sbaines@nationalcitycc.org

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Prayer call at 8 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.
Latinx Mental Health and Wholeness Event - 8:30 a.m., Community Room, Howland Center
Mann/Rincon Wedding - 12 p.m., Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite
Dog Blessing - May 19 at 10 a.m.. Get ready to bring your canine companions. Invite your friends and neighbors too!

Tithe.ly Mobile Giving - National City has a new, easy mobile giving platform! Search **Tithe.ly** from your iPhone or Android app store to download **Tithe.ly**. In the app, search for "National City," complete a quick one-time setup, then all it takes is 3 clicks to give! Contact Chip Talbott if you have any questions: finance@nationalcitycc.org.

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