



# National City Christian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019, at 8:30 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. 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

*His Name Is Wonderful*

Audrey Mieir

His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he;  
Bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

*Somebody Prayed for Me*

Dorothy Norwood, Alvin Darling

Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind, took the time and prayed for me.  
I'm so glad they prayed. I'm so glad they prayed. I'm so glad they prayed for me.

The preacher prayed for me, had me on his mind, took the time and prayed for me.  
I'm so glad he prayed. I'm so glad he prayed. I'm so glad he prayed for me.

My mother prayed for me, had me on her mind, took the time and prayed for me.  
I'm so glad she prayed. I'm so glad she prayed. I'm so glad she prayed for me.

✠ OPENING HYMN

Sylvia Dunstan

*You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.  
You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

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.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Lead Me, Guide Me*  
Lead me, guide me along the way,  
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

No. 583

✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✘ CALL TO PRAYER

*In the Garden*

No. 227 (1, 2)

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,  
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

*Refrain*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beverly Goines

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.

CHORAL PRAISE

*On the Third Day Morning*

Harold Wheat, Jr.

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines

*John 10:22-30*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

✘ HYMN OF PREPARATION

*O How He Loves You and Me*

Kurt Kaiser

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!

Jesus, to Calvary did go, his love for mankind to show;  
What he did there brought hope from despair:  
O how he loves you, O, how he loves me,  
O how he loves you and me.

SERMON

*How God Loves You*

Stephen Gentle

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.

*Thanksgiving and Glory*

1. The wa - ters are pure and the pas - tures are green where Christ walks be -  
 2. The voice of the shep - herd we an - swer to - day, in - tend - ing to

side us and good - ness is seen. A - noint us with oil; let our cups o - ver flow, that  
 fol - low each step of the way. Where God will com - mis - sion dis - ci - ples to go, em -

mer - cy and kind - ness with - in us may grow.  
 power us, we pray, that your love we may show.

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Barbara Boward  
 Miriam Gentle

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Steven Baines

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

The Lord's Supper is for all believers in Christ Jesus. Please come forward down the center aisle closest to you. 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 outside aisles. *Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available in the small silver tray on the communion table.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*Here at Thy Table, Lord*

No. 384

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE**

✧ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✧ CLOSING HYMN

*God Be with You*

Thomas A. Dorsey

God be with you; God be with you;  
 God be with you until we meet again.  
 God be with you; God be with you;  
 God be with you until we meet again.

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

**Connect with us** - visit [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org) and click the "sign up" tab to subscribe to our email newsletter.

**Get Social** - follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram [@nationalcitycc](https://www.instagram.com/nationalcitycc).

**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](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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:finance@nationalcitycc.org).

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