



National City Christian Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019, at 10 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 1 hour and 15 minutes, please silence your cell phones.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Kevin Biggins, Jr., Byron Cotton, Valeria Foster, and Beverly Goines

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE *There is a Balm in Gilead/My Lord What a Morning* arr. Lawrence P. Schreiber

GATHERING MUSIC *In the Presence of Jehovah* arr. Walter Owens, Jr.
In the presence of Jehovah, God Almighty, Prince of Peace,
troubles vanish, hearts are mended in the presence of the King!
repeat

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Caribbean, arr. John L. Bell
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
repeat

✧ OPENING HYMN *Gather Us In* No. 284 (1, 2, 4)

Phillip Gentle, guitar

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in—the rich and the haughty; gather us in—the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Byron Cotton

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

People: a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

Leader: This is the time God has given us:

People: a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

Leader: This is the life to which God calls us:

People: a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

Unison: Pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, God of our salvation: so your peace might calm our troubled souls; so your hope might mend our broken hearts; so your mercy might strengthen us for service, in Christ's holy name.

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *This Is the Day* No. 286

THE LORD'S DAY

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Repeat

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

✧ CALL TO PRAYER

No. 265 (1)
MORECAMBE

Spirit, of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Beverly Goines

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

Byron Cotton

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

CHORAL PRAISE

Precious Jesus

Thomas A. Whitfield

Precious Jesus, how I love you. How I lift high my voice with your praise.
Holy Spirit, I implore thee, drench my heart as my lips part your grace.
I am persuaded, Lord, to love you. I have been changed to bless your name.
I am constrained by this great gospel, forever to worship thee.

SERMON

Just As You Are

Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

Those desiring to become members of National City Christian Church, by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, transfer of membership or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✧ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

No. 339 (1, 3, 4)

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
Just as I am, thy love unknown, hast broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Live-A Humble

African American Spiritual
arr. Marvin Mills

Alia Waheed Ky, soloist

A-live a humble, humble, humble yourself, the bell's a done rung.
A-live a humble, humble, humble yourself, the bell's a done rung.
Glory and honor, praise King Jesus, glory and honor; praise the Lamb.
A-live a-humble, humble, humble yourself, the bell's a done rung.

Oh, my Lord's done jes' what he said, my Lord, he healed the sick an' he raised the dead.
A-live a-humble, humble, humble yourself, the bell's a done rung.
Did you ever see such a man as God, who gave up his Son for to come an' die!
He gave up his Son for to come an' die, jes' to save my soul from a burning fire.
A-live a-humble, humble, humble yourself, the bell's a done rung.
Glory and honor, praise King Jesus, glory and honor; praise the Lamb.
A-live a-humble, humble, humble yourself, the bell's a done rung.

✠ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Steven Baines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Terri Malone
Loretta Tate

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle. 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 smaller silver tray.

If for any reason you would prefer to remain seated, please do so and communion will be brought to you.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH African American Spiritual
arr. Wendell Whalum
Guide My Feet
Guide my feet while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)
guide my feet while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)
Hold my hand while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)
hold my hand while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)
hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)
Stand by me while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)
stand by me while I run this race, (Oh, Lord,)
stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

✠ BENEDICTION Stephen Gentle

All are invited to the back of the Sanctuary for coffee and fellowship.

POSTLUDE John Leavitt
Joyous Day!

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Constance Jennings; Cyril Jones; Barbara Kelley; Jim King; Tawanna Lloyd; Harold Magnussen; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Sylvia Snyder; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; John Foster Woods; Beverly Williams; military and civil service persons around the world; and victims of disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Wilson Boulevard Christian Church
Arlington, Virginia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Marilyn Cooper
Ecuador

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers were given by the family of Bill Eldred in his memory.

Daily Prayer: I praise you, Lord, and give you thanks for the gift of this day. Fill me with your Spirit, and let your songs fill my heart. Give me a wise and discerning mind to walk in your way, making the most of the time as I go out among your people. Amen.

Food Pantry Needs - Please help us fill up our shelves by dropping off as much of the following in our collection basket in the Atrium as you can: **Applesauce / fruit cups; tuna pouches / pop-top cans; granola bars; cookies; rice krispies treats; peanut butter crackers; cereal bowls; and water bottles / pouches.**

Santa Claus is coming to National City for breakfast on December 7th at 9 a.m.. **We need help getting ready for his and Mr. Claus's visit!** Please contact Teresa Swihart if you're able to help with setting up, greeting, decorating, hospitality, running a craft station or a game, reading the Christmas story (Spanish and/or English) serving breakfast, providing juice boxes, advertising in the community, clean up, repairing a couple little wooden chairs, and most importantly praying for the event, the children, the parents, the elves.

Tithe.ly Mobile Giving - National City is now on the **Tithe.ly app**. Just search for "National City," complete a quick one-time setup, then all it takes is 3 clicks to give! **Thank you for your generosity!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Sanctuary Choir Warmup - 9 a.m., Music Suite

Christian Pathways Class - 9 a.m., Atrium.

Children's Sunday School - 9 a.m., 2nd Floor. Gina Medina, teacher

Sanctuary Tour - 11:15 a.m. Meet in the back of the Sanctuary, near President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 11:30 a.m., Music Suite

LGBTQ Luncheon at Dupont Italian Kitchen - Noon. Dupont Italian Kitchen is located at 1637 17th Street, NW.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Gay Men's Chorus - 6:30 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Atrium, Music Suite, Community Room, Howland Center

Gay Men's Chorus - 7 p.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center

Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room

Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium

Fortissima Singers - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

ANC 2F Meeting - 7 p.m., Community Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. College Park organist David K. Houston will perform a program entitled "For Those I Remember," featuring works of William Bolcom, Charles-Marie Widor, and Maurice Duruflé.

Foundation Board Reception - 6 p.m., at the LGBT Task Force Building

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Prayer call at 8 a.m. - Join the weekly prayer call. Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter code 371015. For information, contact Loretta Tate at 202-489-2020.

Building Assessment Presentation - 10 a.m., Sanctuary. All are invited to learn from our historic preservation architect.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite

Brunch - 11:30 a.m., Music Suite

Foundation Board Meeting - 1 p.m., Howland Center

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect with us - visit 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.

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.