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., Valeria Foster, and Beverly Goines
Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

PRELUDE
Larghetto from Sonata No. 2
Alexandre Guilmant

CHORAL INTROIT
I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me
Franklin Glynn
I was glad when they said unto me:
“Let us go into the house of the Lord, the house of the Lord!”

OPENING HYMN
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
No. 517 (1, 3, 4)
BEECHER
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE
Beverly Goines
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
Leader: Sing praises to the Lord with instruments and melody,
People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, the ruler of the earth.
Leader: Let the world and those who live in it,
People: Sing praise to God with shouts of joy!
Leader: Come, worship our God, who reigns forever;
People: Come, worship God with songs of gladness and thanksgiving!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Glory Be to the Father
No. 35
GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD’S WORD
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Stephen Gentle

CALL TO PRAYER
No. 668 (1)
CWM RHONDDA
For the Healing of the Nations
For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,  
help us rise and pledge our word.

(∗ Please stand as you are able.)
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 21:5-19  Beverly Goines

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts
dedicated to God, he said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will
be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will
be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many
will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. “When you hear of
wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow
immediately.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great
earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great
signs from heaven. “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you
over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my
name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in
advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or
contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put
some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will
perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

ANTHEM  My Lord, What a Mornin’  Harry T. Burleigh

My Lord what a mornin’, my Lord what a mornin’,
Oh, my Lord what a mornin’, when de stars begin to fall, when de stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my wor’ly ways, done quite all my wor’ly ways,
Done quit all my wor’ly ways jine dat hebbenly ban’
Oh! My Lord what a mornin’, my Lord what a mornin’
Oh, my Lord what a mornin’, when de stars begin to fall, when de stars begin to fall.

SERMON  Stay in the Fight  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. 602

O Master, let me walk with Thee
O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

INVITATION TO OFFERING  Steven Baines
OFFERTORY ANTHEM  

All Things Are Yours!  

Bryan Jeffery Leech

All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you. 
And so we give, and so we share, in Christ’s strong name expressing care. 

“Give out of love,” your Word commands. We are your head, your heart, your hands. 
Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs. 

O what a joy to give and then, out of compassion, give again. 
You have no needs. Though that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.

*Doxology*

Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay, 
transform them into blessings on those we serve today. 
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill 
the ministry disciples have, empower’d to do your will.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

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

*Benediction*

 HYMN OF GOING FORTH

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.” 
Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard, 
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity. 
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry. 

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.” 
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, 
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. 
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry. 

Lord, you show us love’s true measure: “Father, what they do, forgive.” 
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. 
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. 
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry. 

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.” 
Faith and hope and love restoring, many we serve as you intend, 
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. 
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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

Postlude

Grandioso

arr. Michael Ryan

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

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR
English Consul Church, Baltimore, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES
Victoria Peagler, Botswana

UPCOMING EVENTS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Sanctuary Choir Warmup - 9 a.m., Sanctuary
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.
Thanksgiving Luncheon - 12 p.m., Howland Center

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Quintet Rehearsal - 5:30 p.m., Music Suite
Gay Men’s Chorus - 6:30 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Atrium, Music Suite, Community Room, Howland Center
Capital Pride Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Singers - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite
Council of Churches Fall Assembly - 6 p.m., at Calvary Episcopal Church, 820 6th Street, NE.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Feliciano Wedding Rehearsal - 5 p.m., Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
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.
Greenspring Video/Harpist - 9 a.m., Sanctuary
Feliciano Wedding - 5 p.m., Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Congregational Meeting - 11:45 a.m., Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 12:30 p.m., Music Suite

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect with us - visit www.nationalcitycc.org and click the “sign up” tab to subscribe to our email newsletter.

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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.