



# National City Christian Church

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020, at 10 a.m.

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Welcome to National City Christian Church, national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - 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, Stephen Gentle, and Beverly Goines

Guest Preacher: Allen V. Harris, Regional Pastor

ORGAN PRELUDE

*I Call to Thee Lord Jesus Christ*

J.S. Bach

GATHERING MUSIC

*I Love You, Lord, Today*

William F. Hubbard

I love you. I love you. I love you, Lord, today  
because you care for me in such a special way.  
And yes, I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.  
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.  
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.  
And yes I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.  
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

*O Magnify the Lord*

Traditional Gospel

O magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised!  
O magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised!  
Hosanna! Blessed be the rock; blessed be the rock of my salvation!  
Hosanna! Blessed be the rock; blessed be the rock of my salvation!  
(repeat)

✧ OPENING HYMN

*The Gift of Love*

No. 526  
GIFT OF LOVE

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: Your love, O God, extends to the heavens; your righteousness is like the ever-rolling mountains.

People: **We shall feast on the abundance of your goodness, O God, and drink our fill of your mercy, O Fountain of life.**

Leader: Source of delight and rejoicing, you call us to assemble and partake of your banquet. The tables are spread with the abundance of your everlasting grace.

People: **Our cups overflow with the drink of new life. With Christ, our host, we join sisters and brothers to sing glad praises for all the wonders you have done.**

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

No. 277 (1)  
HOLY MANNA

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God.  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

CALL TO PRAYER

*It Is Well with My Soul*

No. 561 (1)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Steven Baines

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.

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15, 17-18

Steven Baines

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason...

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.

ANTHEM

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Alice Parker

Anne-Michele Maher, soloist; Miriam Gentle, harp

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SERMON

*Faith, Hope, & Love: Our Inheritance, Our Calling*

Allen V. Harris

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 next hymn.

✠ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*Ours the Journey*

No. 458

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their sep'rate ways?

*Refrain*

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving peoples, warring factions and despair,  
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?

*Refrain*

Though we reach the highest heavens, holding worlds at our command,  
we are yet a desert people searching for the promised land.

*Refrain*

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

*Refrain*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*  
Miriam Gentle, harp

arr. Richard Smallwood

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly.  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior hide 'til the storm of life is past.  
Safe into thy haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.  
Please don't leave me all alone; still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
Cover my defenseless head, with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sins.  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Hide me, O my Savior hide 'til the storm of life is past.  
Safe into thy haven guide, O receive my soul at last.

✠ DOXOLOGY

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

No. 382 (1)

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Gary Lewis  
Terri Malone

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

Stephen Gentle

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 95 (1, 3, 5)

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his love shall spread from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise with song; honor and praise to Christ belong;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

POSTLUDE

*He Is King of Kings*

Charles Callahan

*Join us for coffee fellowship on the 2nd Floor Mezzanine*

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis;  
Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;  
Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd;  
Lucas Lund; Alta Mainer; Drusilla McCain;  
Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Wes Strotman;  
Kathleen Swihart; Gloria Taylor; Esther Tyson;  
Peggy Washington; John Foster Woods;  
military and civil service persons around the world;  
and victims of disasters.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Columbia United Christian Church  
Columbia, Maryland

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Abigail Hernandez  
Japan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's message:** Apostle Paul describes what it means to be a vibrant church. Attributes of faith, hope, and love are what we strive as a vital church of Jesus Christ.

**Week of Compassion Offering** - We will receive a special offering on February 16 & 23 for Week of Compassion. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**Pulpit Guest is Reverend Allen V. Harris**, Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Capital Area. The Capital Area Region consists of 42 congregations, two Camp & Conference Centers, three Social Justice Ministries in Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C., the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, and northern Virginia. Follow the ministry of our Region on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cccadisciple> and on Twitter @CCCADisciples. You can reach Rev. Harris by email at [AHarris@cccadisciples.org](mailto:AHarris@cccadisciples.org).

**Dr. Gentle's Last Sermon as Senior Pastor** - On Sunday, February 23, Dr. Gentle will preach "I Love the Church."

**Tithe.ly Mobile Giving** - National City can receive donations and offerings through the Tithe.ly app. Search for "National City," complete a quick, one-time setup, then all it takes is 3 clicks to give! It is also possible to give online at [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give) and thank you for your generosity!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**Sanctuary Choir Warmup** - 9 a.m., Music Suite  
**Christian Pathways Class** - 9 a.m., Atrium  
**Children's Sunday School** - 9 a.m., 2nd Floor.  
**Sanctuary Tour** - 11:15 a.m. Meet in the back of the Sanctuary, near President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour.  
**Celebration Brunch** - 11:45 a.m., Howland Center. \$12 Suggested donation.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED**

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**National Children's Chorus** - 3 p.m., Community Room, Howland Center, Music Suite  
**Gay Men's Chorus** - 7 p.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center, 2nd Fl. Conference Room

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Fortissima Singers** - 7 p.m., Howland Center

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**Skinner Leadership Institute Training** - 7:30 a.m., Atrium, 3rd Fl. Conference Room  
**Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**Skinner Leadership Institute Training** - 7:30 a.m., Atrium, 3rd Fl. Conference Room  
**Music at Midday** - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. **Free!** Washington, D.C. pianist **Natalia Kazaryan** will perform works of Olivier Messiaen, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Maurice Ravel.  
**Kathy & Frank Wedding Rehearsal** - 5 p.m., Sanctuary

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**Weekly Prayer call at 8 a.m.** - Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter code 371015. For information, contact Loretta Tate.  
**Kathy & Frank Wedding** - 5 p.m., Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

## 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 a 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 a 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.