

# National City Christian Church

## Second Sunday of Easter April 19, 2020

Prelude

Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Welcome and Announcements

Beverly Goines

Opening Hymn

### *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Response of the People (Psalm 16)

Beverly Goines

Leader: The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup; the Lord holds our lot. We have a goodly heritage.

People: **We keep the LORD always before us; because the LORD is at our right hands, we shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore our hearts are glad, and our souls rejoice; our bodies also rest secure.

People: **You show us the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Call to Prayer

### *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Pastoral Prayer (followed by The Lord's Prayer in 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.

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

Steven Baines

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Selection

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

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Message

*Fact to Faith*

Beverly J. Goines

Hymn of Commitment

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

BEACH SPRING

Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ is risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for women bringing flowers to grace his grave.

Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose work inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.

Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:  
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

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Invitation to Holy Communion and Words of Institution

Steven Baines

If you have bread and juice to use at your home, we invite all to participate in Holy Communion  
after the minister offers Words of Institution and Prayer for the Elements.

Hymn of Going Forth

*As You Go, Tell the World*

arr. Valeria Foster

As you go, tell the world; as you go, tell the world;  
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.  
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.

*repeat*

As you go, tell the world.

Benediction

Beverly J. Goines

Postlude

Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scripture Thought:** Thomas's suspicion about the story of Jesus' resurrection is certainly understandable. Aren't we taught that proof/evidence, preferably scientific, is needed to constitute a fact? How do we navigate the journey from fact to faith?

**Daily Prayer:** Miracle working and delivering God, during this Easter season, increase my faith that I more fully understand, embrace, and articulate the power of the resurrection in my personal witness.

**In Sympathy:** Our prayers go out to the family and friends of Paul Rosstead who passed away Tuesday, April 14, after sustaining injuries from a fall. A native of Pittsburgh, Paul grew up in Ellicott City, Maryland. He earned a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Maryland, College Park. He was the Church Administrator at National City before joining Calvary Baptist Church in December 2004.

Our prayers also go out to the family of **Helen. C. Chapin**, who passed away on April 11, 2020. Helen and her husband, B. Russell Chapin, were members of National City in the 1950's and 60's before moving to Bethesda, Maryland.

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The Board of National City Christian Church decided unanimously on March 19 to keep our church closed for all activities until May 30, honoring CDC guidelines to refrain from gathering in public spaces for eight weeks. While this decision is heartbreaking for us and all of the congregation, we know it is absolutely necessary as stewards of the greater community good. We must set the example and continue to find creative ways to stay connected with each other.

We hope to resume in-person worship services on Sunday, May 31, which appropriately is Pentecost Sunday. We can think of no better way to celebrate the birthday of Christ's church than returning to our beautiful sanctuary at 10 a.m. in praise and worship for God's provision and faithfulness.

If your Board can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our pastoral staff.

In Christ's Service,  
Alan Williams, Moderator

## Message from Your Pastors

During these unprecedented times as the world responds to the coronavirus pandemic, we urge our members to stay connected with one another. Please continue to use all forms of communication and outreach including our many social media platforms to keep each other informed about members' needs, health, and other concerns for prayer and pastoral care.

One way to stay connected with your National City family is to join our Saturday morning prayer call at 8 a.m. (712-775-7031; code 371015).

And now is the time to remember the vital ministries of our church by giving of our tithes and offerings on tithe.ly. Checks are being received in the mail and deposited weekly: National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

Rev. Steven Baines, Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines

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Stay Informed: We encourage everyone to monitor their local and state governments for the latest news and coronavirus updates.

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>

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## Prayers for Our 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; and all medical personnel around the world.

## Capital Area Prayer Calendar

First Christian Church  
Boonsboro, Maryland

## Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Nishon Bakalian in Lebanon