

National City Christian Church
Easter Sunday **April 12, 2020**

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in c minor, BWV 549* J. S. Bach
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Welcome and Announcements Beverly J. Goines

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Response of the People Beverly J. Goines

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: God is faithful. God has not forsaken God's own on this Easter morning even as we awoke burdened with grief and mourning.

People: God's faithfulness and mercy is for all generations. God will not allow God's people to perish in isolation, suffering, and death.

Leader: We gather this Lord's day as God's pleading children needing to be reminded of these words of hope, indeed words of resurrection and new life.

People: We rejoice with the saints of God. We rejoice with the angels and mighty powers of eternal light and life. We rejoice with God's people on all lands across this great globe. We proclaim with one voice and in one spirit, "Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed!"

Congregational Response *He Is Lord* HE IS LORD

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Repeat

Pastoral Prayer (followed by The Lord's Prayer in Unison) Beverly J. 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 Matthew 28:1-10 Beverly J. Goines

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and

tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Solo *I know that my Redeemer liveth from Messiah* G.F. Handel
Valeria Foster, soloist

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

I know that my Redeemer liveth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
I know that my Redeemer liveth.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

For now is Christ risen, for now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Message *Surprise!* Steven Baines

Hymn of Commitment *Because He Lives* RESURRECTION

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Refrain

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy that gives;
but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives!

Refrain

And then one day, I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Refrain

Invitation to Holy Communion and Words of Institution Sharon Stanley-Rea
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 *The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Benediction Steven Baines

Postlude *Symphony for Organ No. 5 Toccata* Charles-Marie Widor
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

EASTER LILIES GIVEN BY:

Lorraine Magnussen in memory of Hugh & Margaret Williams; Dorothy Williams; and David Williams.

The Dancy-Tate Family in memory of Rev. Ronald Tate; William & Frank Tate; Julius Dancy; Anita Drew; Bill Eldred; Willie Alexander; the Howlands; Bill Travis; Harry Bell; Bill Knight; Steve Schacht; Beryl Hall; Hilda Kuntz; Eddie King; the Hellners; and Dorothy Porter. And in honor of National City Ministers and staff, Lorraine Magnussen; the Kelleys; the Swiharts; the Kruses; the Strotmans; Delores Ruddock; Ellen Crowder; Warren Brooks; the Walkers; Glen Gerada.

Steven Baines and Rick Mohn in memory of parents, James C. Baines, Jr.; and Glen & Dorothy Mohn. In honor of our National City family and extended family. May we all experience the resurrection morning.

Cyril Jones and Charles Covington in memory of our mothers, Ruby M. Jones and Lillie Louise Covington.

Wes & Jane Strotman in honor of Moe Jackson; Roy Hatton; Janice Glover; Betty Crudup; Steven Baines; Beverly J. Goines; Valeria Foster; Kathleen Swihart; Kevin Biggins, Jr.; Sana Kifafi; Colleen Walsh.

Teresa Swihart in memory of my father, Duane Swihart. In honor of the children's Sunday school teachers, Aixa Diaz; Barbara Kelley; Gina Medina.

Kathleen Swihart in memory of my husband Duane Swihart. In honor of Teresa Swihart; Carla Wilson; Steven Baines; Beverly J. Goines; Moe Jackson; Roy Hatton; Janice Glover.

The Kelleys in memory of Thomas & Mary Kelley; John & Peggy Giles; Hunter Williams; and Ron Tate. In honor of Jane & Wes Strotman; National City staff; Kathleen Swihart; Arthur & Loretta Hinman; and the Dancy/Tate families.

Valeria Foster in honor of the Gentles; David Robeck; Kevin Biggins, Jr.; the Gospel Choir; the Sanctuary Choir; National City's staff and congregation.

Sharon Stanley-Rea and Woodie Rea in memory of our fathers, Rev. John B. Stanley and Woodrow Rea.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Synopsis: Easter morning dawns differently during a pandemic, but God's children rejoice that indeed it dawns again reminding us God is faithful. We are like the guest of honor at the greatest surprise party ever thrown, and God is holding it for us! We have been seeking something, anything to distract us.

Weekly Prayer: God of life and light, today we celebrate! We lift our voices to you as we stand in the fullness of your resurrection morning. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! May your light inspire your children in these days of doubt and darkness. We need you, O God, even as our faith has been renewed and strengthened through your glorious beacon of unconditional love and grace. We stand firmly on your holy ground with reconciled creation shouting in eternal praise, "Alleluia, Alleluia, and Amen!"

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. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

Rev. Steven Baines, Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines

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/>

Capital Area Prayer Calendar

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens, General Minister and President; and the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Tom Liddle in East Timor