National City Christian Church  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2020

Prelude  
Processional in G Major  
John Stanley

Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Welcome and Announcements  
Beverly J. Goines

Opening Hymn  
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, 
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. 
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: 
to God all praise and glory.

Our God is never far away, but through all grief distressing, 
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. 
As with a mother’s tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: 
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ’s holy name give God all praise and glory; 
let all who own God’s power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! 
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: 
to God all praise and glory.

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  
Acts 17:22-31  
Steven Baines

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Selection  
I Need Thee Every Hour  
arr. John Ness Beck

Valeria Foster, soloist

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; 
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee! 
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

Sermon  
Closer Than You Think  
Beverly J. Goines
Hymn of Reflection

Without Him I Could Do Nothing

Without him I could do nothing, without him I would fail;
without him my life would be rugged like a ship without a sail.

Without him I could be dying, without him I’d be enslaved;
without him my life would be hopeless, but with Jesus, thank God, I’m saved.

Refrain
Jesus, O Jesus, do you know him today? You can’t turn him away.
O Jesus, O Jesus, without him, how lost I would be.

Invitation to Holy Communion and Words of Institution

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

O Christians, Haste

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell the world that God is one who cares,
that God who made all nations is not willing
one life should perish, lost in deep despair.

Refrain
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation,
that God in whom we live and move, is love.
Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation,
and died on earth that we might live above.

refrain

Benediction

Beverly J. Goines

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C

Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Michael McCabe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Thought: Sometimes it seems that life isn’t
going our way or that our prayers go up, bounce off
heaven, and come back to hit us in the face. Should we
forget about our Christian faith and put our hope in
other things? Or, is the God whose power raised Jesus
from the dead to secure our salvation enough to
sustain us as we live this life?

Daily Prayer: Gracious and loving God, bless us
always to remain fully persuaded that you are able to
keep that which we have committed unto divine
keeping.

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; Beverley Schacht; Steve
Selde; Kathleen Swihart; Gloria Taylor; Esther Tyson;
Peggy Washington; John Foster Woods; and all
medical personnel around the world.

Capital Area Prayer Calendar

Garfield Memorial Christian Church
McLean, Virginia

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Leda Zakarison in Lebanon

Message from Your Pastors

UPDATE: Mayor Bowser has extended the stay-at-home order for DC through June 8. National City
continues to pray for all citizens of our community and
will not open for worship or business until Sunday,
June 14 at the earliest. We will continue to update you
as soon as further decisions are made regarding our
church facilities.

During these unprecedented times as the world
responds to the coronavirus pandemic, we urge our
members to stay connected with one another.

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).

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

Rev. Steven Baines, Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines
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