



# National City Christian Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE Adagio and Chorale Prelude on *Melita* Arr. Michael Joseph  
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

WELCOME Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP Amy Butler

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.  
We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:  
within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.  
We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life,  
the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.  
We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

- posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website

INVOCATION Amy Butler

PASSING OF THE PEACE Amy Butler  
Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA  
Led by Paul Heffron

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal,  
lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be  
strengthened with all Christ-like graces pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee,  
lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

## PROCLAMATION

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

An excerpt from *Esther, the Girl Who Became Queen*

Veggie Tales

SELECTION

*Seek Ye the Lord While He May Be Found*  
Paul Heffron, soloist

Paul Heffron  
Adapted from Isaiah 55

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.  
Incline your ear and come unto him.  
Hear and your soul, it shall live.

For my thoughts, they are not your thoughts, neither my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.

For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace.  
The mountains and hills shall break forth into singing;  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of a thorn shall be a fir tree; instead of a brier, a myrtle tree.  
And it shall be an everlasting sign that shall never be cut off and unto the Lord a name.

For as the rain falls down on the earth, making it bring forth and grow,  
my word shall be that goes forth from my mouth.  
It shall not return void unto me.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.  
Incline your ear and come unto him.  
Hear and your soul, it shall live.

HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Steven Baines

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

SERMON

*Just in Time*

Amy Butler

SONG OF REFLECTION

*For Such a Time As This*

MELITA

For such a time as this, O Lord, we seek the gift of grace outpoured,  
upon your people everywhere, bowed down with sorrow, filled with care;  
now bless us, Lord, we humbly plead, with grace sufficient for our need.

For such a time as this we ask for strength that's equal to our task,  
that we may bear our cross of pain, and through our sufferings triumph gain.  
Our troubles then shall not bring shame but glory to our Savior's name.

## RESPONSE

PSALTER

Psalm 133

Beverly J. Goines

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Amy Butler

*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.*

CULTIVATING GENEROSITY

Steven Baines

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

*Unity*

Glorraine Moone  
Adapt. Valeria Foster

Behold how good and how pleasant it is  
for kindred to dwell together in unity.  
(repeat)  
Unity, unity, Lord, we pray for unity.  
(repeat)

BENEDICTION

Amy Butler

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory  
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Arr. Paul Manz

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The story of Esther is about a woman using her new found influence to advocate for the safety of her people, about being a force of resistance from a place of power. **Knock Down The House** is a documentary on Netflix of four modern women being a force of resistance now. ([www.knockdownthehouse.com](http://www.knockdownthehouse.com))



When tragedy struck her family in the midst of the financial crisis, Bronx-born Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez had to work double shifts in a restaurant to save her home from foreclosure. After losing a loved one to a preventable medical condition, Amy Vilela didn't know what to do with the anger she felt about America's broken health care system. Cori Bush was drawn into the streets when the police shooting of an unarmed black man brought protests and tanks into her neighborhood. Paula Jean Swearengin was fed up with watching her friends and family suffer and die from the environmental effects of the coal industry.

At a moment of historic volatility in American politics, these four women decide to fight back, setting themselves on a journey that will change their lives and their country forever. Without political experience or corporate money, they build a movement of insurgent candidates challenging powerful incumbents in Congress. Their efforts result in a legendary upset.

**We are looking for your favorite hymns** for a hymn sing and to play during the interludes in our worship services. Please send them to Valeria Foster at [vfoster@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:vfoster@nationalcitycc.org).

Please join our **Saturday morning prayer call** at 8 a.m. (712-775-7031; code 371015).

**Virtual Fellowship Hour - Sunday at 11 a.m.** Bring your coffee and enjoy virtual conversation with your National City family! We will send out a link on Friday. Subscribe to our email list via our website [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org), or email Colleen Walsh at [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org), to receive the link.

Please remember the vital ministries of our church by giving of our tithes and offerings on [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly). Checks are being received in the mail and deposited weekly. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

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<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>  
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### Prayers for Our Church Family

Phyllis Alexander; Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Jan Dill; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Moe Jackson; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; Alta Mainer; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; Peggy Washington; John Foster Woods; and all medical personnel around the world.

**Capital Area Prayer Calendar**  
 Iglesia Cristiana Nacional, Washington, DC

**Global Ministries Prayer Calendar**  
 Fiona Kendall in Italy