



National City Christian Church

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Butler

Come all who are weary
of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division
Come all who are heavy-laden
with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger
Come all who have hope
for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom
Hear these words
"See, I am making all things new."
~ Rosie Venner.

INVOCATION

Beverly J. Goines

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Beverly J. Goines

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Led by Terri Malone

HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

PROCLAMATION

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Matthew 14:13-21

Steven Baines

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SELECTION

Panis Angelicus
Terri Malone, soloist

César Franck

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men
The heavenly bread ends all symbols
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish
The poor, poor, and humble servant.

Te trina Deitasunaque poscimus
Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitasduc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas

Thee, therefore, we implore, o Godhead, One in Three,
so may Thou visit us as we now worship Thee;
and lead us on Thy way, that we at last may see
the light wherein Thou dwellest aye.

HEBREW LESSON

Genesis 18:1-12

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The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?'

SERMON

Hysterical

Amy Butler

SONG OF REFLECTION

God, We Praise You for the Women

Daniel Damon

God, we praise you for the women who have taught us to be strong,
who have held us, who have raised us with a prayer and with a song.

Sarah laughed to hear the promise—God would bless her with a son;
Sarah laughed and Sarah doubted till she saw what God had done.

RESPONSE

PSALTER

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

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The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

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

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.*

CULTIVATING GENEROSITY

Amy Butler

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Fred Kaan
Jamaican Folk Melody

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the word around: loaves abound! (repeat)

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Refrain

BENEDICTION

Amy Butler

POSTLUDE

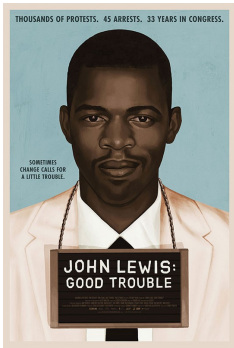
Trumpet Tune
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Jason D. Payne

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Scripture is full of stories about ordinary people who saw something they knew was wrong and bravely acted in resistance to structural evil, often risking their lives. **There are many modern stories of resistance that inspire us, too.** As part of your spiritual practice over these five weeks, take some time to watch some of the following:



John Lewis: Good Trouble
johnlewisgoodtrouble.com

Using interviews and rare archival footage, this film chronicles Lewis' 60-plus years of social activism and legislative action on civil rights, voting rights, gun control, health-care reform and immigration.



She's Beautiful When She's Angry
shesbeautifulwhenshesangry.com

Combining dramatizations, performance and archival imagery, this film resurrects the buried history of the outrageous, often brilliant women who founded the modern women's movement from 1966 to 1971.

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, or email Colleen Walsh at 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. Checks are being received in the mail and deposited weekly. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

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

Prayers for Our Church Family

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Jan Dill; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; 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

Michigan Park Christian Church
Washington, DC

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Violeta Rocha in Nicaragua