GATHERING

PRELUDE

Offertory in A Major
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist
Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME

Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, majestic in holiness, who is like you?
In the greatness of your majesty
you overthrow your adversaries.
O Lord, awesome in splendor, who is like you?
Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
shattered the enemy.
O Lord, worker of wonders, who is like you?
Sing to the Lord, my strength and my might,
you are my salvation!

Steven Baines

INVOCATION

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Steven Baines

OPENING HYMN

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence
Led by Valeria Foster

LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O cloud of presence; the exodus is come;
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our bondage left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

Lead on, O fiery pillar; we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing, though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wand'ring, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy and love is law's demand.
PROCLAMATION

HEBREW LESSON
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Beverly J. Goines

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power - your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'

You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

SELECTION

Go Down, Moses
Chris Wilde, soloist

Traditional Spiritual

When Israel was in Egypt's land; let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

Refrain

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh, let my people go.

No more shall they in bondage toil, let my people go,
let them come out with Egypt's spoil, let my people go.

Refrain

The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go,
to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go.

Refrain

Then Miriam danced and sang her song, let my people go,
“Our God has triumphed over wrong!” Let my people go.

Refrain

Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

Refrain

SERMON

Wade in the Water
Amy Butler

SONG OF REFLECTION

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
ST. KEVIN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
RESPONSE

Psalter
Psalm 103:8-13
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer
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
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.

Prayer of Blessing
Cecil “Chip” Talbott

Cultivating Generosity
Beverly J. Goines

Hymn of Going Forth
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM Rhondda
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

Benediction
Amy Butler

Postlude
Go Down, Moses
Arr. Charles Callahan
I Want to Be Ready
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

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This September we are all about EXODUS, this week we celebrate with the Hebrew people rejoicing with Miriam as she sings "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Next week we wander the desert with the Israelites hungry and in despair until God provides direction and nourishment.

Please be sure to tune in, post links to the services on your social media accounts, and invite friends to join us virtually for worship!

**Hollertown Bluegrass concert on the Steps - September 26 at 5 p.m.** COVID has asked a lot of us, and our following safety protocols is still very important. But we’ve also missed being together, enjoying live music, and remembering how the church calls us into community. You can RSVP via our website www.nationalcitycc.org. If you’d like to volunteer that evening (handing out masks, water, marking social distance listening spots, etc.) please contact Colleen Walsh at cwalsh@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, 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.

**Prayers for Our Church Family**
Phyllis Alexander; Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Jan Dill; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; 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**
Randall Street Christian Church
Baltimore, Maryland

**Global Ministries Prayer Calendar**
R.J. Howard in Fiji