GATHERING

PRELUDE

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot BWV 635
(These are the ten commandments)

J.S. Bach

Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

WELCOME

Welcome

Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

"A human being is part of the whole, called by us universe,
part limited in time and space. We experience ourselves, our thoughts,
and feelings as something separate from the rest. A kind of optical delusion of consciousness.
This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires
and to affection for a few persons nearest to us.
Our task must be to free ourselves from the prison by widening
our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.
The true value of a human being is determined by the measure
and the sense in which they have obtained liberation from the self."

(Albert Einstein)

INVOCATION

Invocation

Amy Butler

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Led by Terri Malone

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

PROCLAMATION

HEBREW LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Steven Baines

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in
the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the
earth.
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

**Selection**

*I Don't Feel No Ways Tired*

Terri Malone, Lolita Neal, Valeria Foster, Dominicus So

I don't feel no ways tired.  
I've come too far from where I've started from.  
Nobody told me that the road would be easy.  
I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me.  
I just can't give up now.  
I've come too far from where I've started from.  
Nobody told me that the road would be easy.  
I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me.  
I don't feel no ways tired.  
I've come too far from where I've started from.  
Nobody told me that the road would be easy.  
I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me.

**Gospel Lesson**

*John 2:13-22*  
Amy Butler

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**Sermon**

*Blueprint*  
Amy Butler

**Song of Reflection**

*Trust and Obey*  
Teri Malone, soloist

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.  
Refrain  
Trust and obey, for there’s no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.  
Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he will richly repay;  
ot a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey.  
(Refrain)
But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.
(Refrain)

RESPONSE

EPISTLE LESSON
Philippians 2:1-8 from The Message
Steven Baines
If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn’t think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn’t claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER
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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION
Beverly J. Goines
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
Loretta Franklin

CULTIVATING GENEROSITY
Amy Butler

HYMN OF GOING FORTH
Precious Name
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;
if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer.
(Refrain)

Benediction
Amy Butler

POSTLUDE
Trumpet Tune
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist
David Johnson

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This September we are all about EXODUS, this week we learn what the Lord commands.

Next week we start a new series Some Good Advice. During this two-week series on the Epistle to the Philippians we take heed to the good advice that Paul is giving the first church.

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!

We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Delores Ruddock and family in the death of her sister, Peggy Washington, in New York this past Thursday. There will be a private service of inurnment at National City’s Columbarium at a later date. Please keep all the family in your prayers.

Reconciliation Special Offering will be collected September 27 & October 4. This special offering is used to fund our Church’s mission to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church through education and intentional dialogue. Please write “Reconciliation Offering” in the memo line of your donation via checks or tithe.ly.

Saturday, October 3 we will be blessing all the pets that have been our companions over the years. Please bring your loved one to National City’s steps at 11 a.m.

The Regional Assembly will be taking place on Saturday, October 3, online. You can register via www.cccadisciples.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; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; John Foster Woods; and all medical personnel around the world.

Capital Area Prayer Calendar
2nd Washington Chapel Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ), Hyattsville, Maryland

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar
Larry Colvin in Ghana