



National City Christian Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2017, at 11 a.m.

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Welcome to National City Christian Church, national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open to and affirming of all people. Thank you for joining us in worship. Please fill out the Connect with Us card, and place it in the offering tray. Today's service is approximately 75 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Kenneth Lowenberg, Anthony Mague, and Michael McMahon

Guest Preacher: C.J. Rodriguez

PRELUDE

Cantabile Symphonique

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921)

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Beverly Goines

INTROIT

The Kingdom of God

Taizè Community

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

✧ OPENING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

No. 140
SHEFFIELD

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, you are the power of liberation,

People: calling your servant Moses to lead your people into freedom, and giving him the wisdom to proclaim your holy law.

Leader: Be our Passover from the land of injustice, be the light that leads us to the perfect rule of love,

People: that we may be citizens of your unfettered reign; we ask this through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation. Amen.

Anthony Mague

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God

The choir will sing the response, then all sing it twice.

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

No. 34
GLORY TO GOD

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Anthony Mague

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

PSALM

Scott Soper

Song of Moses (Exodus 15)

Terri Malone, cantor; Ray Valido, piano

Please sing the refrain in dialogue with the cantor each time, as indicated in the music.

I will sing, I will sing to the God who sets me free!

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The Lord is my strength, my protection and my shield;
Pharaoh's army and his chariots God cast into the sea.
Our God is a warrior whose name is "the Lord,"
God of might, God of victory! **R.**

The brave and the mighty, the pride of Pharaoh's army,
God plunged them to the bottom of the sea like a stone.
The hand of the Lord is magnificent in power;
the Lord has crushed out foes! **R.**

O God who redeems, who delivers us from slavery,
you set us on the mountain of your holy place.
Your throne and your temple shall endure for all time;
your reign shall never end! **R.**

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

RESPONSE

Zimbabwean trad.

If You Believe and I Believe

The choir will sing the response, then all sing it twice.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "If you be - lieve and I be - lieve and we to - geth - er pray, The Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free, And set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free; The Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free." The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for a congregational response.

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SERMON

C.J. Rodriguez

Being a Puaah & Shiphrah in Times Like These

PASTORAL PRAYER

C. J. Rodriguez

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

Those desiring to become members of the community of National City Christian Church, either by transfer of membership, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✠ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

No. 464

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Please join in singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5. The choir will sing verse 4.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY HYMN

Go Down, Moses

African American Spiritual
arr. Albert Blackwell

Alia Waheed Ky and Chris Wilde, soloists

When Israel was in Egypt land, let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land;
tell King Pharaoh to let my people go.

You need not always weep and mourn, let my people go,
and wear those slav'ry chains forlorn, let my people go. Go down, Moses...

They journeyed on at God's command, let my people go,
and came at length to Canaan's land, let my people go. Go down, Moses...

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

✠ DOXOLOGY

No. 50

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Ann Neeriemer
Ben Moore

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Beverly Goines

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle. If you prefer to remain seated, communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 493

Somos Uno en Cristo

SOMOS UNO

*Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.
Un solo Dios, un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo amor,
un solo bautismo, un solo Espiritu, ye ese es el Consolador.*

We're united in Jesus, we're united, like a fam'ly, we're united.
We're united in Jesus, we're united, like a fam'ly, we're united.
We have one God, one Holy Lord. We have one faith, only one Love.
Just one baptism, one Holy Spirit, one Comforter sent from God above.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ GOING FORTH

No. 631

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

✠ BENEDICTION

C.J. Rodriguez

POSTLUDE

Fela Sowande
(1905-1987)

Jubilate

Following the worship service, pastors and elders are at the back and side doors of the Sanctuary to greet you. All are invited to the Atrium for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.

Worship and preaching resources: David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, ed. *Feasting on the Word* (Louisville: Westminster Press, 2009); Colbert Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. *Chalice Worship* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999); *Revised Common Lectionary*, Center for Biblical Preaching, www.workingpreacher.org