



# National City Christian Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

202-232-0323

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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.

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Ned Lewis, and Noemi Mena

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

*I Love You, Lord, Today*

William F. Hubbard

I love you. I love you. I love you, Lord, today  
Because you care for me in such a special way.  
And yes, I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.  
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.  
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.  
And yes I praise you. I lift you up. I magnify your name.  
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

*I Will Bless Thee, O Lord*

Esther Watanabe

I will bless Thee, O Lord! I will bless Thee, O Lord!  
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!  
With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise,  
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!  
(repeat)

✠ OPENING HYMN

*Standing on the Promises*

No. 552

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing; I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

- ✘ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena  
 Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for us.  
**People: Holy is God's name.**  
 Leader: God has filled the hungry with good things.  
**People: God has sent the full away empty.**  
 Leader: God has remembered those who serve others.  
**People: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**  
 Leader: Come, let us witness God's love in word and deed.  
**Unison: Let us serve Christ by serving all who are in need.**

- ✘ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 41  
*Halle-Halle-, Hallelujah*  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
 Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
 (repeat)

- ✘ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle  
 CALL TO PRAYER *Sweet Hour of Prayer* No. 570  
 PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

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.

- CHORAL PRAISE *In the Beauty of Holiness* Nettie Sawyer Lester  
 Ned Lewis, guest pianist

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

- SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena  
*Matthew 14:13-21*

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.

- HYMN OF PREPARATION *Spirit Song* No. 352 (1, repeat refrain)  
 SERMON *Just a Little Bit* Stephen Gentle

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.



1. We have heard the voice of Je - sus call - ing all of us to feed All the  
 2. May God's faith - ful ones in - her - it what the pa - tri - archs re - ceived: All the  
 3. God, e - quip us for your serv - ice in the work we do each day. Be our



hun - gry, thirst - ing mul - ti - tudes who live in fear and need. We can  
 prom - is - es in cov - e - nant God gave when they be - lieved. May for -  
 con - stant in - spi - ra - tion in our strug - gles and our play. May the



feed them with the joy - ous news that they are loved and freed As chil - dren of God's  
 give - ness come to all who have the Ho - ly Spir - it grieved. Re - store us in God's  
 food that you sup - ply be blessed a - mong us as we pray For strength to share your



love. Join in songs of a - dor - a - tion, Fill - ing this and ev' - ry na - tion,  
 love.  
 love.



Liv - ing out our true vo - ca - tion, As chil - dren of God's love.

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

James Ferguson  
 Mary Paradise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Beverly Goines

### SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

The Lord's Supper is for all believers in Christ Jesus. Please come forward down the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Baskets are available at the front for your offering and "Connect With Us" cards. When receiving communion, take a piece of bread or wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

No. 425

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✘ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✘ CLOSING HYMN

*As You Go, Tell the World*

arr. Valeria Foster

As you go, tell the world; as you go, tell the world;  
 Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.  
 Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.

*Repeat*

As you go, tell the world.

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 fellowship immediately following the service.

## CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Fort Washington Christian Church  
Fort Washington, Maryland

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES PRAYER CONCERNS

Martha Mensendiek, Japan

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Willie Alexander; Fay Arrington; Steven Baines;  
Katie Campbell-Morrison; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin;  
Sue Frost; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings;  
Courtney & Betty Jones; Bill Knight; Tawanna Lloyd;  
Kenneth Lowenberg; Robin Schacht; Lilly Stewart;  
Jessica Sylvester; Victor Vasquez;  
persons in military and civil service around the world.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers** were given by the Dancy and Tate families in honor of Esther Tyson's birthday.

**Annual Corn Roast** - Purchase your ticket from Kathleen Swihart for the Camp Mary Mac Corn Roast & Chicken Dinner on Saturday, August 19, in Sharpsburg, Maryland.

**Celebrate Dr. Gentle's Service to National City** - We are organizing a gift for Dr. Gentle in honor of his "11 and a half" anniversary. Jane Campbell has arranged for Dr. Gentle and Miriam to be the chaplains at the Disciple House on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution from August 19-28 and Jane would love to present the gift on August 12.

**Community Service Hours Opportunity** - Young people looking for service hours can help out at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays. Please contact Laurese Dancy at firerudy4@hotmail.com

**Cats Needing Home** - Longtime Gospel Choir member Annice Majette is moving where she can't have pets and urgently needs someone to "rehome" her two brother cats that are "good company." Please call Annice at 202-361-8539 if you can help.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

**Christian Pathways** - 10 a.m., Community Room.  
**Sanctuary Tour** - 12:15 p.m. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary, near the President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour of National City.  
**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite.

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

**Prayer call at 6 a.m.** - All are invited to join the weekly conference prayer line for National City. Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter access code 371015. For more information, contact Loretta Tate at 202-489-2020.

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

**English Organist Concert** - 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. In a special Music at Midday concert English organists Keith Ellison and Daniel Bishop will perform a 45 minute recital of popular works.

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

**Toddler Playgroup** - 9:30 a.m., Community Room  
**Food Pantry** - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium  
**Martha's Table Outreach** - 4:45 p.m., Contact: Gary Lewis

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

**DCCADV Meeting** - 9 a.m., Community Room  
**DC Lambda Squares** - 6:30 p.m., Scott Hall

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**

**Bible Study in Spanish** - 7 p.m., Atrium  
**First Friday Bible Study** - 7 p.m., the Malone's home

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - 9:30 a.m., Music Suite. We would gladly welcome members on a temporary basis between now and Labor Day, whether you just want to try it out or make a limited commitment. Contact Dr. J. Michael McMahon at mmcmahon@nationalcitycc.org.

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## FOR OUR GUESTS

**EN ESPAÑOL** - Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

**Membership at National City Christian Church** - It would be our joy to welcome you into the membership of this congregation. You may join through transfer of membership from another congregation or through a profession of faith and baptism. Full and associate memberships are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email sgentle@nationalcitycc.org

**Coffee and Fellowship** - Come to the Atrium for a warm cup of coffee, and meet some of the warm people of National City. The Atrium is located on the first floor of the building through the front, right door.

**Nursery** - Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is located in Fellers Foyer. Speak with a greeter or any member for directions.

**Pastoral Needs** - If you would like to speak with a pastor, please feel free to meet with one of the pastors at the door after the worship service or call 202-232-0323 during office hours.

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