



National City Christian Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

202-232-0323

www.nationalcitycc.org

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: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and CJ Rodriguez

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

Surely the Presence of the Lord

No. 263

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
(repeat)

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

✠ OPENING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 234

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Goines

Leader: This is a new day.

People: The day of the risen Christ!

Leader: Christ lives in our hearts and in our world.

People: Christ lives. Let us love our neighbors!

Leader: Christ lives. Let us share God's abundance.

People: Christ lives. Let us care for God's creation!

Leader: Christ lives. Let us rejoice!

People: Christ lives. Let us worship God!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one body; that is why we sing:

Refrain

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✧ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS

Stephen Gentle

✧ CALL TO PRAYER

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 254 (1)

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Let It Breathe on Me

No. 260

Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me;
Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of the Lord, now, breathe on me.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beverly Goines

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

Marvelous
Dominicus So, soloist

Walter Hawkins

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines

John 20:19-31

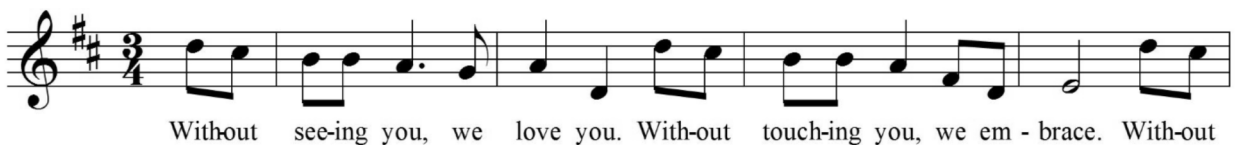
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Without Seeing You

David Haas



In Defense of Doubt

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.

✠ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 586

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING

CJ Rodriguez

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Loretta Tate
Mary Paradise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CJ Rodriguez

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. *Gluten-free Communion Wafers are available in the marked cup on the bread tray.*

CHORAL COMMUNION HYMN

He Will Remember Me

Eugen Bartlett

When on the cross of Calv'ry the Lord was crucified;
The mob stood 'round about him and mocked until he died.
Two thieves were nailed beside him to share the agony,
But one of them cried out to him, "O Lord, remember me."

Refrain

Will the Lord remember me when I am called to go?
When I have crossed death's chilly sea,
Will he his love there show?
Oh, yes, he heard my feeble cries, from bondage set me free.
And when I reach the pearly gates, he will remember me.

O, what a shame to kill him there on that rugged cross;
But such a death was needed to rescue all the lost.
His blood was made a ransom to set the captives free,
I know that I'm included, and he will remember me.

Refrain

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

✠ CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

No. 422 (2, 3)

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Fay Arrington; Richard Bahr; Barbara Boward;
Paul Campbell; Doug Cook; Dorothy Davis;
Eddie Franklin; Tracie Foxx; Helen Gray;
Constance Jennings; Courtney & Betty Jones;
Cyril Jones; Tawanna Lloyd; Mary Paradise;
Robin Schacht; Lily Stewart; Wes Strotman;
Esther Tyson; David Williams; persons in military
and civil service around the world.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church
Hagerstown, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Chimiste Doriscar, Haiti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's Talk Worship with Mike and Stephen - Sunday, April 8, at 12:30 p.m. in the Music Suite. All are invited to a dialogue regarding the 11 a.m. worship service. Please join us!

Planning Retreat for Our Church's Future - Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3rd Floor Conference Room. Lunch provided. All are welcome to attend an exciting day of learning as we consider the places that God is leading National City Christian Church. RSVP today at the Atrium front desk or sbaines@nationalcitycc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Christian Pathways Adult Study - 10 a.m., Atrium
Toddler Class - 10 a.m., 2nd Floor Work Room.
Barbara Kelley and Aixa Diaz, leaders
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
Let's Talk about Worship with Mike and Stephen - 12:30 p.m., Music Suite. All are invited

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 9

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, APRIL 10

National Children's Chorus - 4 p.m., Howland Center, Music Suite, Atrium
Capital Pride Meeting - 7 p.m., 3rd Floor Conf Rm
Gospel Choir - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

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., Martha's Table
Fortissima Choir - 7 p.m., Howland Center
LGBTQ Bible Study - 7 p.m., Music Suite. This month's session will focus on Mark 1:1-17 and will be led by Rev. Miriam Gentle. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Music at Midday - FREE! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Organist Axel Flierl, from Dillingen an der Donau, Germany, will perform transcriptions and reconstructions of works by Charles Tournemire, Richard Wagner, and Pierre Cochereau.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Planning Retreat for Our Church's Future - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room, Lunch provided. Sign up at the Atrium front desk today!
Heritage Music Festival - 9 a.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center, Community Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite

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FOR OUR GUESTS

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

Nursery - Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. 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.