



National City Christian Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2019, at 10 a.m.

5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

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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. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us. Please fill out the Connect with Us card, and place it in the offering tray. Today's service is 1 hour and 15 minutes.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Steven Baines, Kevin Biggins, Jr., Barbara Boward, Valeria Foster, and Stephen Gentle

Preacher: Beverly Goines, Assistant Pastor

GATHERING MUSIC

As We Gather

Mike Fay & Tommy Coomes

As we gather may your Spirit work within us,
as we gather may we glorify your Name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
we'll be blessed because we came,
we'll be blessed because we came.
(repeat)

O Give Thanks

Judith Christie McAllister

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; yes, he is good.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; yes, he is good.
(repeat)
For He is worthy, worthy; for he is good; yes, he is good;
For He is worthy, worthy; for he is good; yes, he is good.
(repeat)

✧ OPENING HYMN

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

No. 485 (1-3)

TALLIS' CANON

Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.
God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people ev'rywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow'r that separate.
When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Barbara Boward

Leader: Even now, return to me. Let the sirens in the streets rage; let the trumpet from the church house blow. Let those consumed with darkness, gloomy from bad fortunes know that:

People: Even now, God says, return to me.

Leader: Let the abused and abusing hear, the defiant and disobedient revere. Let the sinner and the scornful draw near.

People: Even now, God says, return to me.

Leader: Return from your ignorance and selfishness, return from your injustice. Return from your apathy, return from your agony.

People: Return to me, God says, for I am gracious and merciful. I am slow to anger and full of steadfast love. Through faith in Christ, we are reconciled. Return to me, God says, for I am your God.

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

No. 485 (4)

TALLIS' CANON

God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,
Where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

✦ CALL TO PRAYER

Bob Gillman

Bind Us Together

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Barbara Boward

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

ANTHEM

Henry Purcell

Thou Knowest Lord

(1658-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy, O God, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Father, thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death,
for any pains of death to fall, to fall from thee. Amen.

SERMON

The Ultimate Reconciler

Beverly Goines

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

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

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKEE

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth,
The chosen family God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.

For God in Christ has made us one from every land and race;
Has reconciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.

It is by grace we are assured that we belong to him:
The love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spirit's work within.

So brothers, sisters, praise his name who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate and shame, from spite and enmity!

In Christ there is no east or west—he breaks all barriers down;
By Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed, in Christ we live as one.

Words: Michael Perry

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Steven Baines

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Unity

Glorraine Moone

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for kindred to dwell together in unity.
Behold how good and how pleasant it is for kindred to dwell together in unity.

Refrain

Unity, unity, Lord, we pray for unity. Unity, unity, Lord, we pray for unity.

✠ DOXOLOGY

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 power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Stephen Gentle

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Barbara Boward

Gary Lewis

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the outside aisle. Gluten-free communion wafers are available in the smaller silver tray.

If for any reason you would prefer to remain seated, please do so and communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Kevin Biggins, Jr., organ

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 445

Go in Peace

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

All are invited to the back of the Sanctuary for coffee and fellowship.

Please return to the Sanctuary after the Postlude for a quick Congregational Meeting.

POSTLUDE

Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal

J.S. Bach

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Bill Eldred; Kelsey Goodman; Eddie Franklin; Constance Jennings; Cyril Jones; Barbara Kelley; Jim King; Tawanna Lloyd; Harold Magnussen; Drusilla McCain; Sarah Rose; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; John Foster Woods; Beverly Williams; military and civil service persons around the world; and victims of disasters.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

United Christian Parish
Reston, Virginia

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Emmanuela Loccident

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's message: The word "reconciliation" can mean different things politically, socially, and personally. But, no matter how it's used, reconciliation is usually not a very easy thing to achieve. May we come to understand the power that we have to act as reconcilers in our daily life and may we experience God as the ultimate reconciler—a reconciler of the broken pieces of our hearts, our faith, our relationships... our very life.

Daily Prayer: Providing God, thank you for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through which my sins were forgiven and my reconciliation with you, O God, made complete. Bless me to act as a reconciler in my daily living by drawing those who I encounter to you. Continue to reveal yourself in my life as the ultimate reconciler—a reconciler of the broken pieces of my heart, my faith, my relationships... my very life. Thank you for restoration.

Food Pantry Needs - NCCC gave out 187 bags filled with food this week to our neighbors in need. Please help us fill up our shelves by dropping off as much of the following in our collection basket in the Atrium as you can: **Applesauce / fruit cups; tuna pouches / pop-top cans; granola bars; cookies; rice krispies treats; peanut butter crackers; cereal bowls; and water bottles / pouches.**

Reconciliation Offering - Today and October 6, we will be collecting the second Special Mission Fund offering for the year. The funds collected are used in the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism work of the Church. .

Tithe.ly Mobile Giving - National City is now on the **Tithe.ly app**. Just search for "National City," complete a quick one-time setup, then all it takes is 3 clicks to give!
Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 9:35 a.m., Music Suite
Christian Pathways Class - 9 a.m., Atrium.
Children's Sunday School - 9 a.m., 2nd Floor. Gina Ramirez, teacher
Sanctuary Tour - 11:15 a.m. Meet in the back of the Sanctuary, near President Garfield Memorial Window, for a special guided tour.
Adoración en Español - 11 a.m., Community Room
Congregational Meeting - 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary
National Children's Chorus - 2 p.m., Atrium, Music Suite, Community Room, Howland Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Whitman-Walker Workshop - 6 p.m., Music Suite
Gay Men's Chorus - 6:30 p.m., Howland Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

National Children's Chorus - 3 p.m., Atrium, Music Suite, Community Room, Howland Center
Gay Men's Chorus - 7 p.m., Sanctuary, Howland Center
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m., Music Suite

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Share Our Strength Hunger Organization Training - 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room
Toddler Playgroup - 9:30 a.m., Community Room
Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Atrium
Fortissima Singers - 7 p.m., Music Suite

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Lambda Squares - 6:30 p.m., Music Suite
ANC 2F Meeting - 7 p.m., Community Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Music at Midday - Free! 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Baltimore Cathedral organist **Wm. Glenn Osborne** will perform a program of mostly religious works by a diverse group of composers, including Francisco Correa de Arauxo, Marcel Dupré, William D. Bradbury, William Bolcom, George Shearing, and Guy Bovet.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Prayer call at 8 a.m. - Join the weekly prayer call. Simply dial 712-775-7031, enter code 371015. For information, contact Loretta Tate at 202-489-2020.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Gospel Choir Rehearsal - 9:35 a.m., Music Suite
Worship - 10 a.m., Sanctuary

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect with us - visit www.nationalcitycc.org and click the "sign up" tab to subscribe to our email newsletter.

Get Social - follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram [@nationalcitycc](https://www.instagram.com/nationalcitycc).

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. Associate or student memberships are available as well. 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.