



National City Christian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2019, at 10 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. 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: Kevin Biggins, Jr., Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and Sharon Stanley-Rea

Preacher: Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor

GATHERING MUSIC

Make Us One

Carol Cymbala

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

Repeat

At the Table

Richard Smallwood

Come on in where the table is spread and the feast of the Lord is going on. *Repeat*
Joy is here where the table is spread and the feast of the Lord is going on. *Repeat*
Love is here where the table is spread and the feast of the Lord is going on. *Repeat*
Peace is here where the table is spread and the feast of the Lord is going on. *Repeat*

✧ OPENING HYMN

When Our Confidence Is Shaken

CWM RHONDDA

When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure,
when the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure,
God is active in the tensions of a faith not yet mature, of a faith not yet mature.

In the discipline of praying, when it's hardest to believe;
in the drudgery of caring, when it's not enough to grieve;
faith, maturing, learns acceptance of the insights we receive, of the insights we receive.

God is love, and thus redeems us in the Christ we crucify;
this is God's eternal answer to the world's eternal why.

May we in this faith maturing be content to live and die, be content to live and die!

✧ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Stanley-Rea

Leader: As we come to the table of the Lord today on World Communion Sunday,

People: We remember the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues.

Leader: We gather in the name of the Almighty, Creator of every man and woman, every plant and animal.

People: We join in the chorus of praise with sisters and brothers around the world to celebrate our Lord.

Leader: May Christ's Church be strengthened as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

Unison: O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth, the God of the spirits of all flesh. Hear our humble intercession for all races and families on earth, that you will turn all hearts to yourself. Let us unite our hearts with all people who gather to worship you, and may we be one in Christ as we come around the table of the Lord.

✧ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 393

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

(✧ Please stand as you are able.)

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Gentle

✧ CALL TO PRAYER

No. 425 (3)

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

Sharon Stanley-Rea

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

Beverly Goines

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the servant for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless servants; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

ANTHEM

Faithful over a Few Things

Glenn E. Burleigh

You must be faithful over a few things to be ruler over many things.
Be thou faithful unto death and God will give you a crown of life, and God will give you a crown of life.

If you have a song to sing, faithfully sing that song.
If you have some love to show, show it the whole day long.
If you have a kind word to say, try to say it each and ev'ry day.
If you have prayer to pray, pray on in Jesus' name.

Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of God.
Know that your labor is not in vain, you shall receive a just reward.
Be thou faithful and God will give you a crown of life,
and God will give you a crown of life.

Well done, good and faithful servant, well done. Well done, good and faithful servant, well done.
Be thou faithful and God will give you a crown of life, and God will give you a crown of life.

SERMON

Increase Our Faith

Stephen Gentle

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

We've Come This Far by Faith

Albert A. Goodson

Lolita Neal, soloist

The soloist will sing the verses. Please join in singing the refrain.

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in his holy word, he's never failed me yet.
Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.

Don't be discouraged when trouble comes into your life,
He'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife. That's why

Refrain

Just the other day I heard someone say they didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God has made a way, and he's never failed me yet. That's why

Refrain

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY MUSIC

At the Table of the World

Carl Johengen

At the table of the world, some have plenty, some have none.
At the table of our God, all are plentifully fed.

Refrain:

Blow among us, Spirit of God, fill us with new courage and care!
Hurricane and breath, take us on a journey of love!

At the table of the world, some have honor, some have scorn.
At the table of our God, all are welcomed and acclaimed.

Refrain

Set the table of our God in the Church and in the world,
Till the children, fed and loved, taste and see that life is good.

Refrain

✠ 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

Beverly Goines

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

Steve Cook

Kathryn Farley

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. 431 (2, 3)

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched him, saw his glory,
go, my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you;
go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

✠ BENEDICTION

Stephen Gentle

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude Allegro in C

Felix Mendelssohn-Batholdy

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; Sylvia Snyder; 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

Second Washington Chapel
Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ
Hyattsville, Maryland

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Robert Breckenridge, Zambia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Prayer: Help me, O God, to seek out your will as I enjoy the good today and suffer through the bad. Prove me, O God, and try me, so that I can learn the steps I need to take to follow your ways.

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 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.

Global Ministries Brunch - October 13, at 11:30 a.m., Howland Center. Join us for brunch with special guests Rev. Dr. Franck Ekofo Bonyeku and Michael Joseph.

Regional Minister Allen Harris is preaching on October 20, Join us at 10 a.m.

National City's recently retired Organist, Ken Lowenberg, has been commissioned by Georgetown Lutheran Church to compose an anthem to celebrate the church's 250th (!) anniversary on Sunday, Oct 20 at 10 a.m.

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, OCTOBER 6

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 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
Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study - 11:30 a.m., Howland Center. All are welcome.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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 29

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 10

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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 12

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.
Serve Breakfast at N Street Village - 8:15 a.m.. Contact: Steven Baines
Bible Study in Herndon - 5 p.m., at Terri Malone's Home.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 9 a.m., Music Suite
Worship - 10 a.m., Sanctuary
Global Ministries Brunch - 11:30 a.m., Howland Center

FOR OUR GUESTS

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

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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.