

**National City Christian Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**                      **March 22, 2020**

Prelude Kevin Biggins, Jr.

Welcome and Announcements Steven Baines

Opening Hymn *Amazing Grace*                      NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Response of the People (Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

Leader: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**People: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**People: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

Congregational Response *His Name Is Wonderful*                      Audrey Mieir

His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he;  
Bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

Pastoral Prayer (followed by The Lord's Prayer in 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 John 9:1-25                      Beverly J. Goines

Solo *Grace*                      Carolyn Hamlin

Valeria Foster

Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day, I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way.  
But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through,  
Your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.

Each new day's design is charted by your hand and graciously revealed as I seek your master plan.  
Keep my footsteps faithful. When to you I go, return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow.

Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me.

Your hand will protect me, I rest in your care.

Your eyes will watch over me, your love will forgive me,

And when I am faltering, I still will find you there.

Message

Customization

Beverly J. Goines

Hymn of Commitment

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Invitation to Holy Communion and Words of Institution

Steven Baines

If you have bread and juice to use at your home, we invite all to participate in Holy Communion  
after the minister offers Words of Institution and Prayer for the Elements.

Hymn of Going Forth

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
(repeat)

Benediction

Beverly J. Goines

Postlude

Kevin Biggins, Jr.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

All church activities and outside organizational events scheduled at National City Christian Church are cancelled until May 30, 2020.

The Board of National City Christian Church decided unanimously on March 19 to keep our church closed for all activities until May 30, honoring CDC guidelines to refrain from gathering in public spaces for eight weeks. While this decision is heartbreaking for us and all of the congregation, we know it is absolutely necessary as stewards of the greater community good. We must set the example and continue to find creative ways to stay connected with each other.

We hope to resume in-person worship services on Sunday, May 31, which appropriately is Pentecost Sunday. We can think of no better way to celebrate the birthday of Christ's church than returning to our beautiful sanctuary at 10 a.m. in praise and worship for God's provision and faithfulness.

If your Board can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our pastoral staff.

In Christ's Service,  
Alan Williams, Moderator

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Message from Your Pastors

During these unprecedented times as the world responds to the coronavirus pandemic, we urge our members to stay connected with one another. Please continue to use all forms of communication and outreach including our many social media platforms to keep each other informed about members' needs, health, and other concerns for prayer and pastoral care.

One way to stay connected with your National City family is to join our Saturday morning prayer call at 8 a.m. (712-775-7031; code 371015).

And now is the time to remember the vital ministries of our church by giving of our tithes and offerings on tithe.ly. Checks are being received in the mail and deposited weekly: National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20005. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

Rev. Steven Baines, Rev. Dr. Beverly Goines

Stay Informed: We encourage everyone to monitor their local and state governments for the latest news and coronavirus updates.

Rev. Baines is active on the D.C. Mayor's Community Leaders conference calls and the Homeland Security Interfaith Working Group meetings.

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>

<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>

<https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>

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**Prayers for Our Church Family**

Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; Alta Mainer; Drusilla McCain; Beverly Schacht; Steve Selde; Wes Strotman; Kathleen Swihart; Gloria Taylor; Esther Tyson; Peggy Washington; John Foster Woods; and all medical personnel around the world.

**Capital Area Prayer Calendar**

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**Global Ministries Prayer Calendar**

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