

National City Christian Church
4th Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Maestoso
Allegretto
From *Little Preludes and Intermezzi*
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Herman Schroeder

WELCOME

Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beverly J. Goines

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

INVOCATION

Beverly J. Goines

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amy Butler

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Led by Terri Malone

MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise we with grateful choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our Guide and Friend on whom we can depend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42

Steven Baines

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

SELECTION

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life arr. Valeria Foster
Alia Waheed-Ky, Anne-Michele Maher, Sterling Washington, Chris Wilde

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion of your face.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed we catch the vision of your tears.

Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod:
till glorious from your heaven above, shall come the city of our God.

SERMON

The Call to Welcome

Amy Butler

SONG OF REFLECTION

God, We Present Ourselves

Lavon Baylor

We welcome those you send, prophet and friend.
Pray, help us minister, not just pretend.
May we put others first, seeking to quench their thirst
with water pure, life to ensure.

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RESPONSE

PSALTER

Psalm 13

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How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed;" my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Amy Butler

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.

CULTIVATING GENEROSITY

Beverly J. Goines

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound! (*repeat*)

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!

Refrain

BENEDICTION

Amy Butler

POSTLUDE

Poco Vivace

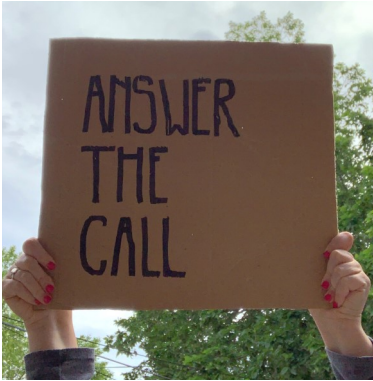
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week we will continue the series on the assigned gospel readings from Matthew titled Answer the Call. In this moment when we are being asked to live out our faith, often in unpopular or even dangerous ways, we would do well to look carefully at Jesus' teachings to his disciples, as his direction to them became increasingly urgent as they faced the daunting task ahead of them. It's doubtful they really even had a clue what they were facing, but Jesus spoke plainly and didn't pull any punches. We may have a better idea of what Christian faith demands of us than they did, but we still have to make a decision about whether or not we will Answer the Call to discipleship.



July 5: The Call to Rest, Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30

The work of discipleship is taxing, and Jesus reminds us here to pace ourselves. As they say, it's a marathon, not a sprint; we can surely feel that now as we share in the work of major reform our country has needed for decades. As our call is an entire lifetime of living on the margins, embracing a hard and transforming message, we are also called to rest and to make room for each other to rest. This week we hear some of the most comforting words Jesus ever said: "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

During these unprecedented times, we urge our members to stay connected with one another.

Please join our **Saturday morning prayer call** at 8 a.m. (712-775-7031; code 371015).

Virtual Fellowship Hour - Sunday at 11 a.m. Bring your coffee and enjoy virtual conversation with your National City family! We will send out a link on Friday. Subscribe to our email list, if you haven't already, to receive the link.

Please 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. Stay healthy, pray without ceasing, and remember, God is faithful.

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

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

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; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; Peggy Washington; John Foster Woods; and all medical personnel around the world.

Capital Area Prayer Calendar

Henson Valley Christian Church
Fort Washington, Maryland

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Eleazar Fernandez
in the Philippines