



# National City Christian Church

## 12th Sunday after Pentecost

### August 23, 2020

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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

Cantilène  
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Gabriel Pierné

WELCOME

Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Butler

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...  
Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.  
In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...  
Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.  
In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...  
Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.  
In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...  
Come worship a God who gives life meaning.  
Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

—from *September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources*, posted on the PCUSA website.

INVOCATION

Amy Butler

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Amy Butler

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*  
Led by Valeria Foster

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like our God, the Giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering, showing forth that God is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

## PROCLAMATION

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

The Story of David and Goliath

Steven Baines

## SELECTION

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

John Carter

Alia Waheed-Ky, Anne-Michele Maher, Sterling Washington, Chris Wilde

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence; cast me not away from your presence;  
cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

## HEBREW LESSON

## 2 Samuel 12:1-13

Beverly J. Giones

And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.'

## SERMON

*You Are The Man*

Amy Butler

## SONG OF REFLECTION

*We've Come This Far by Faith*Albert A. Goodson  
arr. Valeria Foster

Alia Waheed-Ky, Anne-Michele Maher, Sterling Washington, Chris Wilde

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.  
(repeat)

Solo: Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life.  
He'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife.

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.  
(repeat)

## RESPONSE

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:8-9

Steven Baines

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Beverly J. Goines

*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

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Welsh Fold Tune

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

Words: Omer Westendorf

BENEDICTION

Amy Butler

POSTLUDE

*Carillon* from 24 Pieces  
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Louis Vierne

This piece is dedicated in memory of Paul Rosstead (1954 - 2020)  
as it was one of his favorite organ pieces.

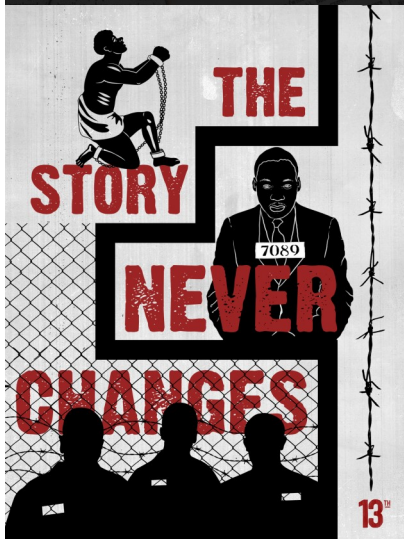
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**Nathan confronts King David:** Sometimes all we have to do to resist is to tell the truth. That’s especially hard in this moment, where even what is “true” is under dispute.

But Jesus was very clear that our job as his followers is to love God and love our neighbors. Anything that does not meet those standards needs to be named and changed. That’s difficult because it puts relationships on the line. But if we allow injustice and sin to continue, then we are not resisting; we are complicit.



A modern injustice we have to confront is our current prison system. The title of Ava DuVernay’s extraordinary and galvanizing documentary refers to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which reads, “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States.” The progression from that second qualifying clause to the horrors of mass criminalization and the sprawling American prison industry is laid out by DuVernay with bracing lucidity. With a potent mixture of archival footage and testimony from a dazzling array of activists, politicians, historians, and formerly incarcerated women and men, DuVernay creates a work of grand historical synthesis.

You can watch it on Netflix here: <http://www.avaduvernay.com/#/13th/>

**We are looking for your favorite hymns** for a hymn sing and to play during the interludes in our worship services. Please send them to Valeria Foster at [vfoster@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:vfoster@nationalcitycc.org).

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 via our website [www.nationalcitycc.org](http://www.nationalcitycc.org), or email Colleen Walsh at [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org), to receive the link.

Please remember the vital ministries of our church by giving of our tithes and offerings on [tithe.ly](http://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/>

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### **Prayers for Our Church Family**

Phyllis Alexander; Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dororthy Davis; Jan Dill; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Moe Jackson; 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**

North Chevy Chase Christian Church  
 Chevy Chase, Maryland

### **Global Ministries Prayer Calendar**

Mark Knowles in Lesotho