



National City Christian Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Mark Hayes
Arr. Marvin Gaspard

WELCOME

Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Butler

Beatitudes for Workers

(based on Matthew 5:3-6 and Luke 6:20-21)

Blessed are you poor who have no work or too little income.

God has promised: yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you who are hungry now.

God has promised: you shall be filled.

Blessed are you who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job,
or your children's lack of opportunities.

God has promised: you shall be comforted, you shall laugh.

Blessed are you who are merciful.

God has promised: you shall receive mercy.

Blessed are you who hunger and thirst for justice.

God has promised: you shall be filled.

***The time is surely coming when God's justice and peace
shall reign throughout the land. Thanks be to God.***

- posted on the United Church of Christ 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

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S

Led by Terri Malone

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

Refrain

PROCLAMATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Steven Baines

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOOD WORK

Members of the National City Family

SELECTION

Give Me Jesus
Terri Malone, soloist

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan

In the mornin' when I rise, in the mornin' when I rise,
in the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.
You may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I comes to die, oh, when I comes to die,
oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.
You may have all of this world, give me Jesus.
Nobody but Jesus, oh, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

SERMON

Jesus, Jobs, and Justice

Amy Butler

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SONG OF REFLECTION

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

B. Mansell Ramsey
CAMACHA

Teach me your way, O Lord, teach me your way!
Your guiding grace afford—teach me your way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
lead me with heavenly light—teach me your way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me your way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me your way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
in failure or success, teach me your way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me your way!
When storm-clouds fill the skies, teach me your way!
Shine thru the wind and rain, thru sorrow, grief and pain;
make now my pathway plain—teach me your way!

RESPONSE

PSALTER

Psalms 119:33-40

Beverly J. Goines

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Beverly J. Goines

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

Amy Butler

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Even as I work, I'm gonna let it shine. Even as I work, I'm gonna let it shine.
Even as I work, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

BENEDICTION

Amy Butler

POSTLUDE

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Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Arr. Marvin Gaspard

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This week we take a break in between sermon series to focus on Labor Day and how we live out our faith in the workplace.

The rest of September we are all about EXODUS, as we study the grand story of God's deliverance of the Hebrew people from the land of Egypt. Please be sure to tune in, post links to the services on your social media accounts, and invite friends to join us virtually for worship!

Hollertown Bluegrass concert on the Steps - September 26 at 5 p.m. COVID has asked a lot of us, and our following safety protocols is still very important. But we've also missed being together, enjoying live music, and remembering how the church calls us into community. Mark your calendars now to join us! If you'd like to volunteer that evening (handing out masks, water, marking social distance listening spots, etc.) please contact Colleen Walsh at cwalsh@natinalcitycc.org.

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

There will be no virtual coffee hour this week.

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.

Prayers for Our Church Family

Phyllis Alexander; Douglas and Chieko Cook; Dororthy Davis; Jan Dill; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd; Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; 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

Pilgrimage Christian Church
Suitland, Maryland

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

John Campbell-Nelson in Indonesia