

National City Christian Church
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020
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GATHERING

PRELUDE *Grave Adagio from Sonata II in c minor* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

WELCOME Amy Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP Anna Meyer
 We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and happiness.
 (The Declaration of Independence)

INVOCATION Anna Meyer

PASSING OF THE PEACE Beverly J. Goines
 Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN
Led by Sterling Washington
 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
 leads forth in beauty all the starry band
 of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
 our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
 Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
 in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
 be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
 thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
 Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;
 lead us from night to never-ending day;
 fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
 and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

Amy Butler

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SELECTION

Baited, the Question Rose
Sterling Washington, soloist

Carl P. Daw, Jr.
FESTAL SONG

Baited, the question rose from somewhere in the crowd:
"Teacher, you truly know God's way. Is paying tax allowed?"

Jesus perceived their trap: "Why do you test me so?
Bring here the coin the tax requires, and see what it will show."

"Whose image does it bear? Whose name and titles tell?"
"Caesar's, of course," they smugly said, and thought they answered well.

"Give Caesar what is his; God, what is God's alone."
Strong words, convincing and profound, like truth already known.

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SERMON

Trick Question

Amy Butler

SONG OF REFLECTION

Baited, the Question Rose

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

May we discern, O God, your daily gifts of grace.
Show us your image freshly coined in every heart and face.

Help us fit tribute yield through prayers and hymns we raise,
but most of all by deeds of love to give you thanks and praise.

RESPONSE

PSALTER

Psalms 96:9-13

Steven Baines

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

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

Amy Butler

HYMN OF GOING FORTH

Take My Life

HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing; unto God my praise I bring.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

BENEDICTION

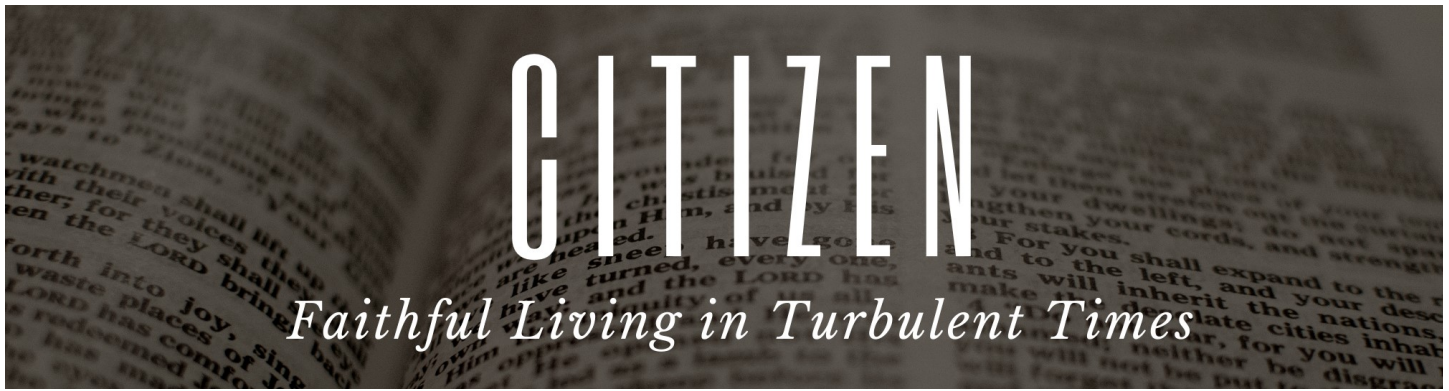
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POSTLUDE

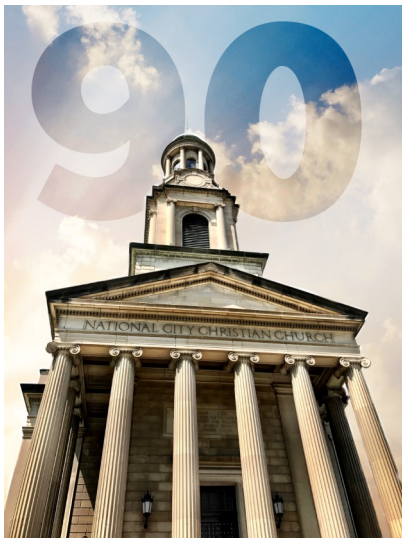
Introduction-Choral
Kevin Biggins, Jr., organist

Léon Boëllmann

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This is the first week in the sermon series *Citizen: Faithful Living in Turbulent Times*, which is about Jesus' direction on living under a government and following the gospel. You might be surprised at what he has to say!



Virtual Remembrances of National City's Incredible 90 Years of Glory to God: Monday, October 19. Tune in all day long on all of National City's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and website) to see, hear, and share the amazing history of our beloved church - the "National Church" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)!

90th Anniversary Worship Service: November 1 at 10 a.m.

Join National City members, past and present, as we celebrate our 90th Anniversary. To God be the glory for blessing and keeping this congregation for almost a century! Worship with us via Facebook (@nationalcitycc) and Youtube (Friends of National City Christian Church)

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

Christian Pathways Bible Study, Sundays at 9 a.m. For the months of October and November the topic is "Who Will Tell My Story." This is a 45-minute class on various Biblical leaders who rose up to the occasion when leadership was needed. All classes are on Zoom: contact Steven Baines at sbaines@nationalcitycc.org to get the logon information. **This week focuses on Gideon: Judge of Israel and Military Commander, with leader: Tom Kelley, Jr.**

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, or email Colleen Walsh at 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. 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; Jane Campbell; Douglas and Chieko Cook;
Dorothy Davis; Eddie Franklin; Helen Gray; Constance Jennings; Jim King; Frederickia Lloyd;
Tawanna Lloyd; Lucas Lund; Beverly Schacht; Kathleen Swihart; Esther Tyson; John Foster Woods;
and all medical personnel around the world.

Capital Area Prayer Calendar

Springfield Christian Church
Springfield, Virginia

Global Ministries Prayer Calendar

Phyllis Byrd in Kenya