



Sunday Worship
Sunday, April 29, 2026
National City Christian Church

The Service of Worship

Prelude

Kevin Biggins Jr.

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

Based on the tune ST. MAGNUS, attributed to Jeremiah Clarke, Arr. Christopher Tambling

*Processional Hymn

Congregation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Text: Joachim Neander, Music: Siraslund Gesangbuch, Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the God of cre - a - tion!
Praise the Al - migh - ty, o'er all life so won - drous - ly reign - ing,
Praise the Al - migh - ty, who pros - pers your work and de - fends you;
Praise the Al - migh - ty! In won - der my spi - rit is soar - ing!

My heart is long - ing to of - fer sweet a - dor - a - tion.
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing,
see from the hea - vens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prai - ses out - pour - ing.

Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp now a - wake.
Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - migh - ty can do;
Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,

Sound forth your praise ev - ery na - tion.
sent by God's grac - ious or - dain - ing.
in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
glad - ly for - e - ver a - dor - ing!

Welcome

Pastor Stephanie

*Call to Worship

Pastor Stephanie

One: Scripture says that as followers of Christ we must continue his good work.

All: We will be the hands and feet of Christ that our world needs.

One: Scripture says that what we ask in Christ's name will be given to us.

All: We will ask for God's help, and we will find our holy answers in each other.

One: Scripture says that we should be a praying people.

All: O Lord, hear our prayers for a world of love and peace.

One: May we be an answered prayer for our neighbor,

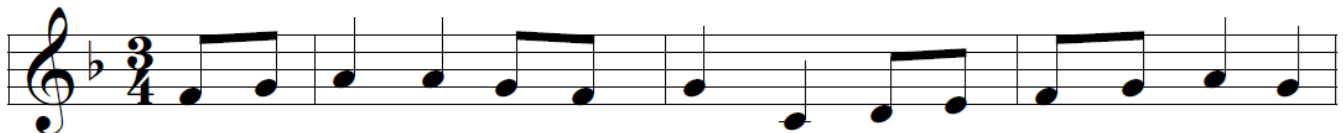
All: And glorify God through our love for each other. Amen.

* Hymn of Spiritual Readiness

Congregation

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

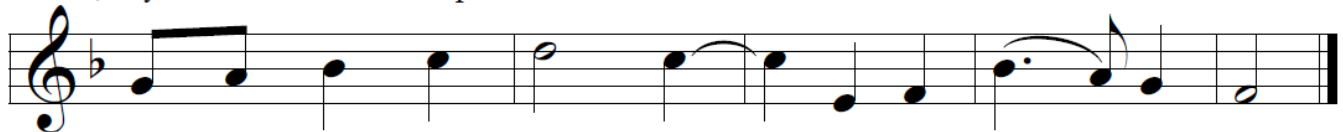
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1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

The Service of the Word

Prayers of the People

Alan Williams

As we enter into a time of prayer together, we ask that you hold the following people in your heart and lift them up to God: Dick Hamm, Chip Talbott, Norman Kruse, Dorothy Davis, Betty Jones, Warren Brooks, Tim Schaefer, Eddie Franklin, Wes Strotman, Will White, Lon Schreiber, Monte Hillis, Carol Gesell, Drue Kendell, Dave Silva, Dannielle Dormer.

**If you would like to add your name to this prayer list,
please reach out to Pastor Stephanie or Terri Malone, Elder and Worship Chair.**

Sacred Text: John 14:12-16 (ILB)

Polly He

Hear these words from the Gospel of John. Let us open our hearts to receive the Good News once more:

“The truth of the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do—and greater works besides. Why? Because I go to God, and whatever you ask in my name I will do,

so that God may be glorified in me.

Anything you ask in my name, I will do.

If you love me and obey the command I give you,

I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always—”

Day by day, God added to their number those who were being saved.”

One: The Word of God, for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God

***Song of Response**

Congregation

The Gift of Love

Text Hal H. Hopson Music: Traditional English Melody; Adapt. Hal H. Hopson Tune: GIFT OF LOVE (Page 5)

Message

Pastor Stephanie

The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

The Service of Community

***The Lord's Prayer**

Joseph Johnson-Schacht

*You're invited to rise as you are able and join in the Lord's Prayer
using the words and the language that resonates most with your relationship to God.*

**Our God who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name,
Your Kindom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kindom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen**

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Robin Schacht

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Offertory

NCCC Chancel Choir

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Text: Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations by Henry Bull, Music Attributed to Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Lay not our sins to our charge

But forgive that is past

And give us grace to amend our sinful lives

To decline from sin and incline to virtue

That we may walk in a perfect heart before thee

Now and evermore. Amen.

***Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all peo - ple
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***Passing of the Peace**

Pastor Stephanie

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

All: And also with you.

***Hymn of Response**

Congregation

Blessed Assurance

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, Tune: ASSURANCE

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***Moment of Centering: Psalm 100:3-5**

Congregation

Know that The Lord is God! God made us, and we belong to the Creator,

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise!

Give thanks to God! Bless God's Name! For God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

Refrain

born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry,
 filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long; this is my

sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

The Service of the Table

All are welcome to take communion. The elements are alcohol free and gluten free.

If you would like a deacon to bring communion elements to you in your pew, please raise your hand.

If you're in need of prayer, an elder is available at the back of the sanctuary.

Invitation to the Table

Prayers for the Bread and Cup

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Stephanie

Karla Williams

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The Service of Going Forth

***Hymn of Going Forth**

Congregation

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center, Music: John Goss, Tune: LAUDA

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***Benediction**

Pastor Stephanie

Postlude

Kevin Biggins Jr.

Postlude in D

Healey Willan



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We worship together every Sunday at 11am EST both in-person and online.

To learn more about our community please visit **nationalcitycc.org** and **[@nationalcitycc](https://www.instagram.com/nationalcitycc)**

If a call to membership has been placed on your heart, please see Pastor Stephanie

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
3 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of two systems of vocal lines (treble and bass clef) with lyrics. The first system contains three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes with the 'Alleluia' refrain. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Friday, May 15- Sunday, May 17th
Bethany Beach Center

Join us for:

- Fun
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- Learning
- Fellowship
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Guest Speaker -
Wanona Redd
IDWM President



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NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Book Study

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Learning Experience

Join us on Saturday, May 23, from 10AM to 2PM as we co-host a Japanese Tea ceremony with Project "one wan" at National City Christian Church.