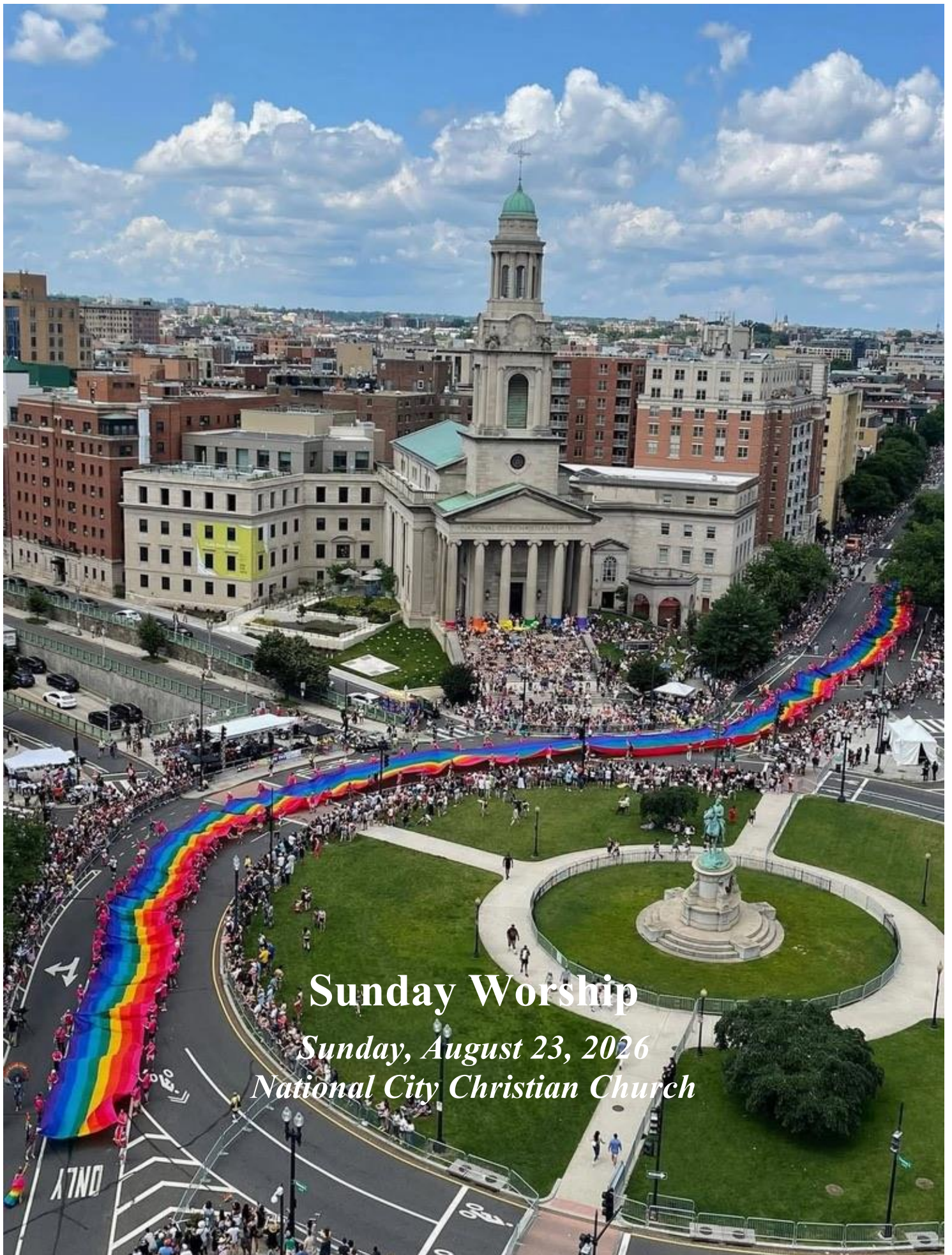




Sunday Worship

Sunday, August 23, 2026

National City Christian Church

The Service of Worship

Prelude

Kevin Biggins

Prelude on "Rock of Ages"

Based on the tune TOPLADY, by Thomas Hastings, Arr. Marilyn Thompson

*Processional Hymn

Congregation

God Is Here!

1. God is here! As we Your peo-ple meet to of - fer
2. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's
3. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea-sure what it
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en, Christ sus-
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the Gos-pel; help us

is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
work Your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com - ing of the Spir-it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
can - not live with - out You, we a - dore You! We be - lieve!

Welcome

Pastor Stephanie

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Stephanie

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Many: We gather together to worship the Holy One in unity!

One: How very good and powerful it is when we commit to the kingdom of God!

Many: We gather together to discern God's will and declare God's reign!

One: How very good and hopeful it is when we reconcile and repair our brokenness and bless one another!

Many: We gather together to love and to serve! Praise the Holy One!

*** Hymn of Spiritual Readiness**

Congregation

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er

Of the way you took and gave.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;

You, whom we both scorn and crave.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er Of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.' The score ends with a double bar line.

The Service of the Word

Prayers of the People

Sterling Washington

Gary Lewis, Nicholas Bullock, Dick Hamm, Norman Kruse, Dorothy Davis, Betty Jones, Warren Brooks, Tim Schaefer, Eddie Franklin, Wes Strotman, Will White, Lon Schreiber, Monte Hillis, Carol Gesell, Bill Kambic, Fred Kendell, Angie Bradley, Stephanie Kocka and her family, and Katie John and her family..

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

Sacred Text: Matthew 16:13-16 (NRSVUE)

Jamet Pittman

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of God is?"

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

*He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**"*

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

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

All: Thanks be to God

***Song of Response**

Congregation

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,

be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.

Message

Pastor Stephanie

The Service of Community

*The Lord's Prayer

Sage Williams

*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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I Love the Name

Traditional Spiritual, Adapt. by Mayme White Miller

*There is name
I Love to hear
It soothes my doubts and it calms my fears
As I journey to and fro
I'll take the name wherever I go*

*I love the name Jesus
everyday the same Jesus
Oh how sweet is the precious name, Jesus*

*When I have spoken my last word
or when my voice shall not be heard
Yes deaths sting I'll gladly bear
for I leave His name in prayer*

*I Love the Name Jesus
everyday the same Jesus
Oh how sweet is the precious name, Jesus*

*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

Christ, Be Our Light!

Verses

1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,
Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.
Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,
Light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
Mak - ing your kin - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

***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.*

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

Pastor Stephanie
Teresa Swihart
Pastor Stephanie

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Teresa Swihart

The Service of Going Forth

***Hymn of Going Forth**

Congregation

Guide My Feet
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***Benediction**

Pastor Stephanie

Postlude

Kevin Biggins

1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand
3. Stand by me
4. I'm Your child

while I run this race,
Oh, Lord,

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me
I'm Your child

while I run this race,
Oh, Lord,

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me
I'm Your child

while I run this race, For I

vain.
don't want to run this race in vain, race in vain.
vain.



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

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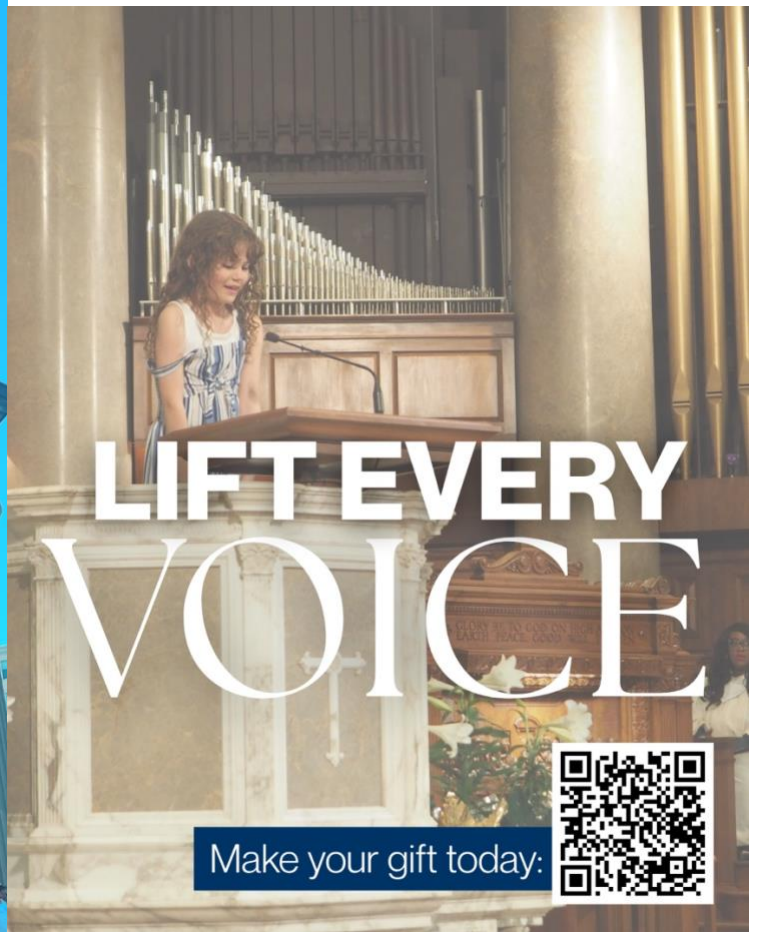
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