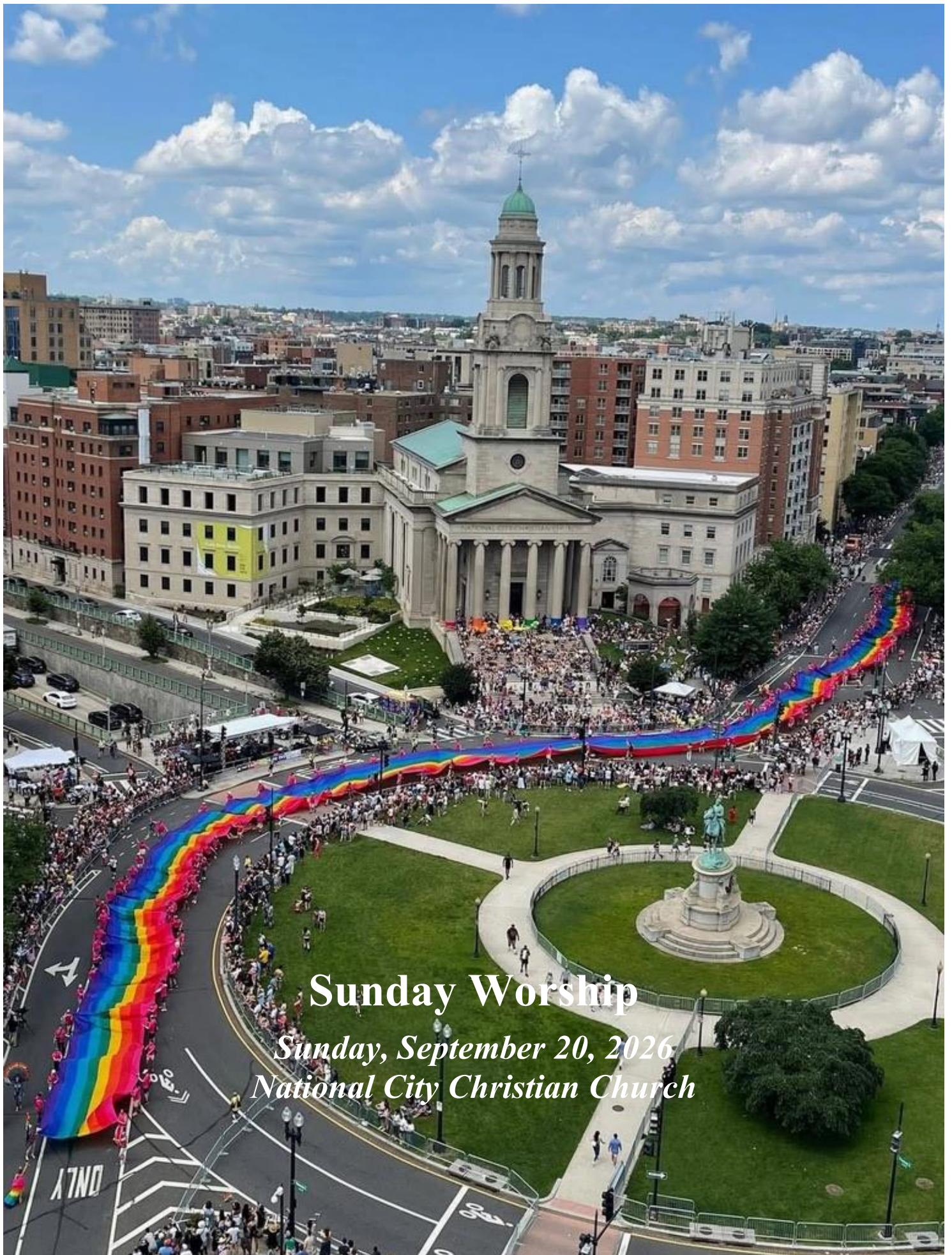




Sunday Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2026
National City Christian Church

The Service of Worship

Prelude

Kevin Biggins

Pastorale
Robert J. Powell

Choral Call to Worship

Chancel Choir

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Words and Music: Doris Akers

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

***Processional Hymn**

Congregation

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
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Welcome

Pastor Stephanie

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Stephanie

One: O give thanks to the Holy One! Tell of God's wonderful works.

Many: Declare God's marvelous deeds among the peoples.

One: O give thanks to the Holy One! Give glory and rejoice!

Many: Sing praises to our God! Let our hearts be glad!

One: O give thanks to the Holy One: Remember the miracles and the judgments.

Many: The Holy One has remembered us. Praise God!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

System 1:

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!

System 2:

My heart is long - ing to of - fer up 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.

System 3:

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,

System 4:

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!

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
that I may love what-e'er you love, and do what you would do.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

The Service of the Word

Prayers of the People

Anthony Mague

Gary Lewis, Nicholas Bullock, Dick Hamm, Norman Kruse, Dorothy Davis, Betty Jones, Warren Brooks, 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: Philippians 1:27-28 (NRSVUE)

Jamet Pittman

Hear these words from Paul to the church in Philippi. Let us open our hearts to receive the Good News once more:

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

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

All: Thanks be to God

God of Grace and God of Glory

The musical score is written for a congregation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five systems, each with a vocal melody line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three parts of the song. The first system contains the first line of the song, the second system contains the second line, the third system contains the third line, the fourth system contains the fourth line, and the fifth system contains the fifth line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
3 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

The Service of Community

***The Lord's Prayer**

Jude 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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Shana Williams

Offertory

Chancel Choir, Alia Waheed-Ky, Soloist

The Road Home

Text: Michael Dennis Browne, Music: Stephen Paulus

*Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?*

*All these years I have wandered,
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?*

*After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,*

*Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.*

*Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong:*

*Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.*

***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

When in Our Music God Is Glorified
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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.*

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Rev. Tori
Kathy Burger
Rev. Tori

Communion Meditation

Stephanie Kocka, Soloist

Think of Me and Remember
Words and Music: Joel Raney

*Take this wine I pour, take this bread I break.
Search your heart and remember
the sacrifice I make. Come and follow me.
I will hold you forever. My life I give so you may live.
Think of me and remember.*

*When your feet grow tired, and your flesh is weak,
think of me and remember I am the rest you seek.*

*As you close the day, as you sing and pray,
search your heart and remember the debt I came to pay.
Come and follow me,
I will hold you forever. My life I give, so you may live.
Think of me and remember.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kathy Burger

The Service of Going Forth

***Hymn of Going Forth**

They'll Know We Are Christians
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Congregation

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will

one walk in the Lord, We are one walk in the
hand in hand, We will walk with each

Spir - it, we are one walk in the Lord, And we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our

stored: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
land:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

*Benediction

Pastor Stephanie

Postlude

Kevin Biggins

Voluntary on ENGELBERG

Based on the tune by Charles V. Stanford, Arr. Robert Hobby



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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

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The Road Home *Text: Michael Dennis Browne, Music: Stephen Paulus*

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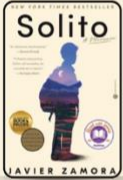


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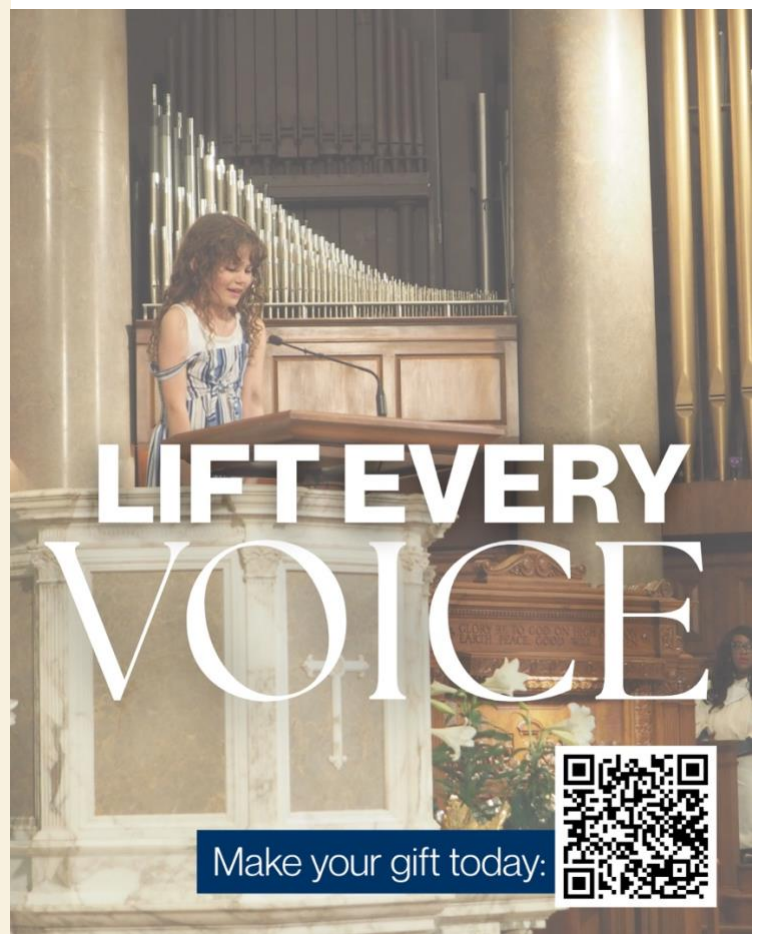
Book Study

We will be reading *Solito* by Javier Zamora together in September for our Book Conversation on September 27th after worship in the 3rd floor conference room. Discussion will be led by Aixia Diaz.



Event

Our outing will be September 26th Lunch at Fiesta DC (The Nation's Largest Latino Festival). Gather with friends and fellowship with amazing food, music, and dancing. Festival Opens at 11am and goes until 7pm. Address: Pennsylvania Ave NW between 7th St NW and 3rd St NW



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