

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *please sing!*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Cate McCrory

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 39

Deacon George Kabwe

I said, “I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue;
 I will keep a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence.”
 2 I was silent and still, I held my peace to no avail;
 my distress grew worse, 3 my heart became hot within me.
 While I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:
 4 Lord, let me know my end, and what is the measure of my days;
 let me know how fleeting my life is.
 5-6 You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.
 Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.
 Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.
 Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; they heap up, and do not know who will gather.
 7 And now, O Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you.
 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool.
 9 I am silent; I do not open my mouth, for it is you who have done it.
 10 Remove your stroke from me; I am worn down by the blows of your hand.
 11 You chastise mortals in punishment for sin,
 consuming like a moth what is dear to them;
 surely everyone is a mere breath.
 12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not hold your peace at my tears.
 For I am your passing guest, an alien, like all my forebears.
 13 Turn your gaze away from me, that I may smile again,
 before I depart and am no more.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God’s Good Time

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Only be still, and wait God’s leisure in cheerful hope with heart content
 to take whate’er thy Keeper’s pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
 No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Joyce Emery

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
 He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
 forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me; he heard my complaint.

Hymn of Praise, Op. 52

O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

with Sheri Jackson and Joanna Zorack-Greene, sopranos

DOXOLOGY *please sing!**Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Emery

HYMN *please sing!*

Guide My Feet

Spiritual

Choir

Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

All

Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race.

Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race.

Stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race is vain!

I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race.

I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Craig Phillips
Mr. Fickley

Let's Stay Connected: Announcements for You

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Smith by her daughter and beloved grandsons.

Connect LIVE on Zoom

Following worship, 12-12:30 pm on Zoom, you are invited to a casual gathering where you can "pass the peace of Christ" with others. To join, click the "Connect LIVE" button above the livestream window after the service.

Prayer LIVE

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call 12-1 pm. A Pastor, Stephen Minister, or Deacon will be prepared to take your call. If all lines are busy, please leave a voicemail with your name and number and you will receive a return call. **Phone: 202 -800-9121**

Nominations for Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Submit recommendations [here](#).

Welcome to Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount

On Sunday, August 16, we welcome back to National the Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, president and professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. Dr. Blount was called to this position in 2007 after serving for 15 years as the Professor of New Testament at Princeton Seminary.

Dr. Blount obtained his B.A. from the College of William and Mary in 1978, where he became the first African-American member of the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. From 1982-85 he served as the pastor of the Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, VA, before attending Emory University where he received his Ph.D. in New Testament in 1992. His primary work has been in the Gospel of Mark, the Book of Revelation and in the area of cultural studies and hermeneutics. He is the author of many articles, six books and is the General Editor for *True To Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary* by Fortress Press.

LEARN & GROW

Adult Sunday School Speaker Series

Join us virtually on Sunday 9:45-10:45 am as we hear from speakers across the country.

Aug 9: Dr. Cynthia Eriksson, Assoc. Professor of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, "*Practicing Resilience in COVID-19*"

Aug 16: Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, President & Professor of New Testament, Union Presbyterian Seminary, "*Protestantism, The Reformed Faith, Slavery and Race*"

[Click here](#) for more info. Missed a speaker? [Catch up here!](#)

Children and Youth Sunday School

Sundays, 10:00 am ET

Experience our summer curriculum, *Faith Heroes: Then and Now!* For more information about Children's Sunday School, [email Cate McCrory](#), and for Youth Sunday School, [Kristin Franke](#).

Wednesday Faith Connection

Wednesdays, 7-7:45 pm ET

Join us Wednesdays in August as Dr. David Renwick continues a series of discussions on matters of race, entitled "*God So Loved THE WORLD: What to Read? How to Think? What to Do?*" Join us Wednesdays for this thoughtful conversation on our [Worship Live page!](#)

Re-gathering Volunteers Needed

Step one to re-gathering is to recruit and train volunteers to act as greeters, guides and ushers. If you would like to help please [click here](#) to fill in the form, and we will be in touch.

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