

*Worship today blends our 2019 Easter service with 2021 elements*

**NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Staying Connected in Christ*

8:30 and 11:00 am Online Worship, April 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

**WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE**

**INTROIT**

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Brass Ensemble, Timpani, and Todd Fickley, organ

**CHIMES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mark 16:1-8

Dr. David Renwick

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

<sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

<sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

<sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

<sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*Please read responsively*

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!**

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**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

**HYMN** *please sing!*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Paul Sjolund

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!* Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Alleluia!* Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, *Alleluia!*
2. Lives again our glorious King, *Alleluia!* Where, O death, is now your sting? *Alleluia!*  
Died he to redeem and save, *Alleluia!* Where your victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*
3. Love's redeeming work is done, *Alleluia!* Fought the fight, the vict'ry won, *Alleluia!*  
Death in vain forbids him rise, *Alleluia!* Christ has opened Paradise, *Alleluia!*
4. Sing we to our God above, *Alleluia!* Praise eternal as God's love, *Alleluia!*  
Praise our God, ye heav'nly host, *Alleluia!* Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia!*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Dr. Quinn Fox

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

William Billings

The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah!

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *in unison*

Dr. Fox

Almighty God, in raising Jesus Christ from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death,  
and brought us hope of everlasting life.

We confess that we do not always believe in this hope,  
and remain captive to doubt, fear, and sin.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new.

Hear our grateful praise, O Risen Lord,

as we celebrate your wondrous love and eternal glory.

**SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *please sing!*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

O friends, in gladness let us sing supernal anthems echoing,

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**WELCOME**

Dr. Renwick

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Rev. Katie Francis

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Corinthians 15:1-6, 51-57

Eleanor Schmitt

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters\* at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died...

<sup>51</sup>Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' <sup>55</sup> 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Unconquered

Dr. Renwick

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Victory*

G. B. da Palestrina

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won,  
The song of triumph has begun. *Alleluia!*
2. The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head! *Alleluia!*
3. Lord, by your wounds on Calvary from death's dread sting your servants free,  
That we may live eternally. *Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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.

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

The Trumpet Shall Sound

Rev. Marsh

G. F. Handel

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Ethan Greene, bass-baritone and Woody English, trumpet

**DOXOLOGY**

*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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Katie Francis

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.

**HYMN** *please sing!*

Thine Is the Glory

G. F. Handel

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the grave clothes folded where thy body lay.  
*Refrain* *Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son.*  
*Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth. Death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is nought without thee. Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

**BENEDICTION**

Dr. Renwick

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Hallelujah!

G. F. Handel  
*Messiah*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;  
And he shall reign forever and ever King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

**POSTLUDE**

Toccatà

Charles-Marie Widor  
Mr. Fickley, organ

# Connecting at National Presbyterian Church

## Welcome!

This season, we have journeyed together through Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation to his resurrection and victory over the darkness. Today, Easter Sunday, we pray that the grace of God and the hope of Jesus' resurrection will live in our hearts every day.

*He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Matthew 28:6*

Life at National is full of inspirational preaching, joyful music, Christian education classes for all ages, and opportunities to serve others. There are many ways we grow together and deepen our relationship with Christ. Read below or visit [www.nationalpres.org](http://www.nationalpres.org) to learn more.

### Our Easter Gift to You!

To help you to keep today's joy in the days beyond Easter, we are offering an inspiring guide to Christian practices to strengthen your faith journey. Simply [click here](#) to sign in the guestbook today and we will email this resource to you.

### Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class

Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey on the Pathway of Christian Discipleship. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, please attend the two half-day virtual Pathway classes on Saturday, Apr 17 and Saturday, Apr 24. [Click here](#) for more information or contact Kemet Rakiatu at [KRakiatu@NationalPres.org](mailto:KRakiatu@NationalPres.org) or (202) 537-7578 to register by Apr 7.

### 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. You will receive a return call. Phone: (202) 800-9121.

### Virtual Coffee Hour/Meet the Pastor

Just click the blue *Connect LIVE* button on your screen after 11am worship to join in!

- Newcomers Q&A today: Right after the 11:00 am worship we would love to meet you on Zoom at Connect LIVE, our virtual coffee hour, and answer any questions you may have. [Click here](#) to join after worship!
- Sunday, Apr 11: Come back next Sunday and right after worship join our virtual coffee hour for a personal "welcome and meet the pastor" with Dr. David Renwick.

### New to National?

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Here are some easy ways to connect with us:

- [Click here](#) to sign our online guestbook.
- [Click here](#) to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media! [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

### Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of G. Joseph Sears on the occasion of his April 3rd birthday with love from his wife Margaret Smith Sears.

## Learn & Grow

### Wednesday Night Faith Connection

Faith Connection resumes 7:00 pm Wednesdays **starting Apr 14** as Dr. Renwick kicks off a series in 1 Corinthians. [Join us online!](#)

### Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on Easter, Apr 4<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Apr 11.

- [Adult Sunday School info](#)
- [Children Sunday School info](#)
- [Youth Sunday School info](#)

### Mission Meet-up Apr 18

Join us at 1:00 pm online on Apr 18 as Doug Gotcher, President of European Christian Mission, International, (ECMI-USA) presents the strategic work of ECM, an international, interdenominational network with the shared passion to see Europe changed by Jesus' love. For information on how to join, please [click here](#).

### Adult Fellowship Broadcast, Apr 19

Please join online us on Monday, Apr 19 at 1:00 pm for our next Adult Fellowship Broadcast. Peter A. Byrd, Co-Chairman of our History and Archives Committee and a former tour guide and the U. S. Capitol will be presenting *My 25 years at the U. S. Capitol*. Please [click here](#) for information on how to join.

## Prayers

*We pray that the good news of Easter, the hope of a Risen Savior, would reach those who most need it this week.*

*We pray for our mission partners including: John Wagner, Young Life's Senior Vice President for Global Cities, that the Gospel would take root in teens' hearts and for the good news of Jesus to infuse New York and big cities across the globe.*

*How can we pray for you?*  
Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7540

### We are a congregation that loves to serve! Next hands-on event: Apr 25, 2:00-3:30 pm

You can help our mission partner Central Union Mission to help local families. Drive through our collection station at the church to drop off pre-packed toiletry gift bags. More information to come!

### Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference: Thank you!

Thank you! Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? For easy and safe online giving, please visit [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving). To give by phone, just text "NPC" to 77977.

## Beginning or Renewing Your Faith?

Dr. Renwick highly recommends three books: *Making Sense of God* by Tim Keller, *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright, and *Surprised by Oxford* by Carolyn Weber.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Save the date! NPC will be hosting Vacation Bible School Jun 28 - Jul 2, 2021. We are planning to be outdoors on the NPC Campus. [Registration is now open here.](#) Due to space constraints and social-distancing requirements, we are only able to accept campers from the NPC and NPS community. Join us for this fun, faith-filled adventure! Please contact [mlehard@nationalpres.org](mailto:mlehard@nationalpres.org) for more information. Youth wishing to serve at VBS may [sign up here.](#)

### **Sending IRA Distributions to the Church**

If you are 72 or older with a traditional IRA, you must make a Required Minimum Distribution in 2021 and pay income taxes on it. If you have that sent to NPC instead, you avoid those taxes. This is ideal for those who do not itemize their deductions. To learn more, call Leah Skrine in the Finance Office, (202) 537-7484.

**These pandemic days are just plain hard**, yet we are in this together! The Care/Connections staff have prepared resources that might help on topics like isolation, anxiety, and difficult conversations. Use them on your own or share with a friend. Find these resources on the [Care webpage](#) or reach out to [Liz Martin](#) in the Care Office if we can help.

### **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.

### **Dr. Renwick's Teaching Series are now on YouTube**

Want to grow in faith? [Click here](#) to watch

- *Colossians*
- *Galatians*
- *Matters of Race*

...and to see other classes on our YouTube channel.

### **NPC Job Openings**

#### **Bookkeeper**

We're seeking a Bookkeeper with superb attention to detail and strong organization and communication skills. We need a quick learner who will interact well with our congregation and staff. The position requires familiarity with QuickBooks and basic financial operations. It includes accounting and administrative tasks. A minimum of two days per week, working onsite in person is required. Experience in bookkeeping for a non-profit or church is preferred. Please [click here](#) for more info and the job description.

To preserve complete confidentiality, we would prefer that the bookkeeper come from outside our congregation, but we welcome your help in finding qualified applicants. Applications should be sent to [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).

#### **Communications Contractor**

Are you organized, own some great written communication skills and know what a hashtag is used for? The Communications Department is seeking a part-time Communications Contractor. This is a job with room to grow! Visit [nationalpres.org/jobs](http://nationalpres.org/jobs) for more information and the job description. Please email [cwilkerson@nationalpres.org](mailto:cwilkerson@nationalpres.org) with your cover letter and resume.