

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“*Staying Connected in Christ*”
11 A. M. ET ONLINE WORSHIP, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth,
and the earth was without form and void, and darkness covered the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.
Then God said, “Let there be light;” and there was light.
Genesis 1:1-3

SONG OR HYMN *please sing!*

All Creatures of our God and King

David Crowder

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam, thou, silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou, rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou, rising moon in praise rejoice! Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. Let all things their Creator bless! and worship him in humbleness.
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit--three in One!
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Alleluia, Alleluia! (3x)

O Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

with NPC Band Members

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. Quinn Fox

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the highest heavens,
yet even from the mouths of children you have ordained praise.
You created all things and made us stewards of the earth,
with dominion over the works of your hands.
But we often think only of ourselves, and your blessings in our own lives.
We forget that your grace extends to all your creatures, great and small,
and that the benefits of your love are broader than we perceive.

Forgive our selfishness and sins, O Lord.

Enlarge our vision. Enable us to be what you have called us to be:

Grateful children and faithful servants of our heavenly King.

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!* How Great Thou Art

O Store Gud

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed...

And when I think that God his Son not sparing sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Cate McCrory

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 36

Elder Margaret Gardner

¹ Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts; there is no fear of God before their eyes.

² For they flatter themselves in their own eyes that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

³ The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit; they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

⁴ They plot mischief while on their beds; they are set on a way that is not good; they do not reject evil.

⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

¹¹ Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹² There the evildoers lie prostrate; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

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

SERMON

All Creation Great and Small

Dr. Renwick

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

SONG OF RESPONSE *please sing!* Across the Lands Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1. You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;
every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice;
let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!
Refrain
*You're the author of creation. You're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*
2. Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea,
yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. *Refrain*
3. With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe, and tongue, and nation you are leading sinners home. *Refrain (2x)*
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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.

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

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.
Refrain *Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul; Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*
And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore

Oh I'll worship your holy name. Lord I'll worship your holy name

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING SONG *please sing!*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

Refrain

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings;
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*
2. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. *Refrain*
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

POSTLUDE

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Joanna Zorack-Greene with NPC Band Members

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Refrain

*This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love,
that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.*

You would lay down your life, that I would be set free.

Jesus, I sing for...all that you've done for me!

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

and worthy is the King who conquered the grave (3x) *Refrain*

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Let's Stay Connected: Announcements for You

Floral Dedication

The flowers behind the pastor's bench are given to honor the birthday of Elizabeth Dole by Stewart McLaurin. The flowers in the Sanctuary in front of the pulpit are given to the glory of God in loving memory of W.M. Owen and other loved ones from Addie Owen.

Prayers

We grieve the death of Roderick Eugene "Gene" Black on July 10, 2020.

We grieve the death of Noble McCartney on July 14, 2020.

If you would like to receive updates about memorial services, please email lmartin@nationalpres.org.

We celebrate the birth of Nevin Arthur to parents Diana Peacock and John Benjamin.

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.

July 26: N.T. (Tom) Wright, Professor of New Testament, University of St. Andrews, Scotland

Aug 2: Andre Henry, Writer, Speaker, Singer-Songwriter, Activist, "It Doesn't Have to Be This Way." [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

We will take a 1-week break from Wednesday nights then resume with a timely series in which Dr. Renwick addresses the topic of racial injustice in America. Please join us for this thoughtful conversation starting Aug 5.

Connect LIVE on Zoom

Following worship, 12-12:30 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](#).

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.

Communion next Sunday, Aug 2

The first Sunday of each month, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion from your home. Here are [guidelines for preparation and serving of communion](#).

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference: Thank you!

June 30, 2020 Giving Update

Faith Giving	\$1,327,500
Facility Use Income	\$553,934
Other Income	\$155,313
Total Income	\$2,036,747
Total Expenses	\$2,232,814
Balance	(\$196,067)

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