

*Worship today blends our 2019 Easter service with 2020 elements
(including today's sermon and prayers). Fewer than ten people are present in the sanctuary.*

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Staying Connected in Christ”

(See Announcements page 5)

11 A. M. ONLINE WORSHIP, EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

(EASTER 2019)

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.

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

3They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

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

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

6But 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. 7But 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.”

8So 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!* *Easter Hymn*
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. Quinn 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!

(EASTER, 2020)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Cate McCrory
Director of Children's Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Donna Marsh

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?'

They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?'

They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned

to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.'

So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON

A New Day Dawning

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

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

Expanding Christ's Ministry through National
Supporting the \$50,000 COVID Relief Mission Challenge

(See Announcements below for details)

Check the link, nationalpres.org/giving. Press "Make a Gift."
Then choose the fund: "COVID Relief Mission Challenge" or "Faith Giving"

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

Messiah

I know that my Redeemer liveth. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20

Sheri Jackson, soprano

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 LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Joyce Emery

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.

(EASTER 2019)

▲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 the 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. David Renwick

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah!

G. F. Handel

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!

Messiah

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor
Todd Fickley, organ

Announcements

National Wishes You a Blessed Easter

On this Easter Sunday, we pray that the grace of God, the hope of Jesus' resurrection, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit will live in our hearts every day.

Sundays at National are full of inspirational preaching, joyful traditional and contemporary music, Christian education classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another. There are many ways we gather to deepen our relationship with Christ. Visit www.nationalpres.org to learn more.

Wednesday 7p.m.

Join us again online this week, as Dr. Renwick teaches on "The Bible and Suffering"

Challenge to Raise \$50,000 for COVID-19 Relief

People who were already struggling to survive are facing even greater challenges as they fight COVID-19. NPC's Session is proud to announce a special challenge: *can we raise \$50,000 by the end of April for COVID-19 relief?* The majority of these funds, which are above and beyond our regular support, will go to our well-vetted mission partners who help at risk kids, the hungry, homeless, and jobless here in DC (Central Union Mission, Friendship Place, Martha's Table, and Little Lights). We will also send a portion to our capital campaign mission partners overseas, who work on the front lines serving vulnerable refugees. Check the link, press "Make a Gift" and then choose the fund, "COVID Relief Mission Challenge." nationalpres.org/giving.

Did You Know NPC Has Social Media?

Follow the National Presbyterian Church pages to see fun and inspiring posts about our life together.

- **Facebook:** Search @NationalPres or visit facebook.com/NationalPres
- **Instagram:** @nationalpres

Join a Virtual Small Group

All are invited to join a virtual small group while National is hosting church online! You can sign up using this form ([click here](#)).

Please contact Amy Thompson for more information at athompson@nationalpres.org.

How to Help Our Neighbors

Your love and generosity are inspiring! We are getting lots of inquiries about how to help congregation members and other families in our city who may go hungry or be in need.

- Our Care Office is assessing the needs of congregation members; please contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or (202)537-7540 with requests or offers of assistance.
- Our local mission partners are asking for direct donations, and a few have opportunities to volunteer. Please contact John Turpin at jturpin@nationalpres.org or (978)648-0840 for guidance.

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference: Thank you!

Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in this time of world-wide anxiety. Your giving empowers us to serve the vulnerable at this critical time in partnership with our local and international partners.

Not yet made a gift online or by phone?

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
- Text the letters NPC to 77977.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for his constant presence in our lives.