

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11:00 am Worship, August 1, 2021

COMMUNION SUNDAY

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Prelude on the Carillon d'Alet

Craig Phillips
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲**HYMN** *please sing!*

We Have Met to Worship

Holy Manna

1. We have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach God's Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down:
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
2. Let us pause before our Maker and in silence hear God's voice;
Christ the Living Word now meets us; in God's truth let us rejoice.
God so graciously delivers, God's great mercy meets us here;
We are all made one in Jesus; may our worship be sincere.
3. Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison – please be seated*

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

O Lord most high and holy, most gracious and merciful Father,
abounding in steadfast love,
We come to you in humility and need,
having preferred the ways of this world to your ways,
having rebelled against your wisdom,
and having rejected your guidance.
Incline your ear to us, in our sorrow and our sin,
and forgive us, we pray,
not on the ground of any merit or righteousness of our own,
but on the ground of your great mercy—
shown to us most clearly in your Son our Savior.

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*

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

Rev. Marsh

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:1-7a

Sasha May

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Want My Old Life Back

Rev. Marsh

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

▲AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Dr. Stoltzfus

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *There is a basket in the narthex to receive offerings.*

OFFERTORY

Desert Psalm

Penny Rodriquez

O God, thou art my God. Earnestly will I seek thee.

My soul thirsts for thee, and my body longs for thee,
In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

O God, I want to want thee. Lord, I long to long for thee.

I thirst, O my God, to be made more thirsty still.

But so often I feel so far from thee.

My wand'ring life no refuge knows beside thee.

Adapted from Psalm 63

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Quinn Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Sursum corda

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guest; the feast is thine;

Thyself at thine own board make manifest in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Savior and one living head;

Then open thou our eyes that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

Prayer of Response 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.

▲HYMN *please sing!*

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their heart of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Marsh

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**POSTLUDE**

Fugue on the Carillon d'Alet

Craig Phillips
Mr. Fickley, organ

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

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](#) or visit our home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

Communion

Today, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion at the 11:00 service. If you will be celebrating from your home please read the [communion guidelines](#) on our Resources page.

We are looking for contemporary band musicians! Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass or another instrument? We are now looking for more musicians to volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! Please email Joanna Zorack-Greene at izorackgreene@nationalpres.org for more information.

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 visit nationalpres.org/serve-church to fill in the form, and we will be in touch.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Ed Blanton in honor of his parents, Edward and Leo Blanton in celebration of their 75th wedding anniversary on July 29th.

WELCOME!

Online and in-person worship:

We are so pleased to welcome you to online and in-person services every Sunday!

Choice of 2 worship services:

Through August 22,

- 11:00 am traditional worship service in the sanctuary and online
- 4:45 pm informal 45-minute worship service in the sanctuary and online.

We are no longer requiring pre-registration for in-person worship!

For now, we will still require masks and seating will be in every other pew. There will be no special check-in procedures. For more information, please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/return.

Prayers

We pray for members and friends of National Presbyterian Church who are experiencing hardship.

We pray for our mission partners including: Young Life North DC, an international organization that presents the gospel to teenagers and helps them grow in their faith.

How can we pray for you?
Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, (202) 537-7540.

Learn & Grow

NPC Summer Reading Challenge

Join us in reading “*One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love*” by John M. Perkins. For more information and to join, please visit nationalpres.org/event/one-blood-summer-reading-challenge.

Summer Adult Speaker Series:

Please join us online at **9:30 am on Sundays** for our Adult Speaker Series! Each Sunday this summer we'll hear about an important topic that helps us to think faithfully about our current situation. For the Zoom link and to read about the speakers and their topics, visit nationalpres.org/connect/adults/classes/.

If you plan to attend the 11:00 am worship service in-person, you are invited to view the class in our Chapel. Upcoming speakers are:

- August 1: Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, *Blindly Following the Lamb with Seven Eyes: My Faith Journey*
- August 8: Dr. Tremper Longman, *The Book of Job, Suffering and the Pandemic*

Through August 22: Summer Evening Schedule – in-person for all ages

- 4:45: Informal in-person worship
- 5:30: Children and youth Sunday School, fellowship and discussion for adults
- Bring your own dinner for a picnic on the lawn if you'd like to stay for additional fellowship time!

For more information and to register please visit nationalpres.org/event/summer-sundays-at-national/2021-08-29/.

Wednesday Night Faith Connection will resume **August 11** at 7:00 pm online with Dr. Renwick kicking off *Renewing Your Life in Christ*.

You Made It a Success!

Thank you for making last week's collection for UDC a success. We delivered 21 large boxes and 18 bags of school supplies and snacks to the UDC student pantry.

Virtual Coffee Hour (Connect LIVE)

Immediately following online worship, you are invited to a casual virtual gathering on Zoom where you can “pass the peace of Christ” with others and enjoy conversation. Just [click here](#) or click the blue Connect LIVE button on your screen to join in!

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.

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 at this critical time. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to nationalpres.org/giving or text “NPC” to (833) 414-9444.

NPC Job Openings

Want to join a great team?

Visit <https://nationalpres.org/jobs> to read about our openings for the following:

- Director of Serve Ministries
- Communications Contractor (part time)