

WELCOME TO NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer Evening Worship

4:45 pm, July 25, 2021

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP Deuteronomy 6:4-7 Connor Rose

One: Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

All: Let us love the LORD our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

One: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

All: Let us recite them to our children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when we lie down and when we rise.

One: Let us lift up our hearts and voices and worship God together.

OPENING SONGS Your Love Awakens Me Phil Wickham

Verse 1

There were walls between us. By the cross you came and broke them down. You broke them down.

And there were chains around us. By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

Pre-Chorus

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive!

Chorus (2x)

Your love is greater! Your love is stronger! Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me!

Verse 2

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life! I'm back to life.

Hear the song awaken! All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive!

Pre-chorus, Chorus (2x)

Bridge (3x)

And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down. We shout it out!

We're alive 'cause you're alive!

Chorus (2x)

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free! My God, my Savior has ransomed me!

And like a flood, his mercy reigns unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. **Chorus (2x)**

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.

But God who called me here below will be forever mine, will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION *in unison*

Kyle Putnam

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness, who knows the thoughts of our hearts, we confess that we have sinned against you, and done evil in your sight. Wash us, we pray, from the stains of our sins, and give us grace to put away all hurtful things, so that being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruits of repentance, and enter into your promised joy.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE

Nettleton

Glory be to God the Father, glory also to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One;
As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be; alleluia and thanksgiving, now and through eternity.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:4-10

Noah Lee

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Loving Yourself: More than a Participation Trophy

Kristin Franke

SERMON RESPONSE

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but he brought me in, Oh his love for me. Oh his love for me!

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

Verse 2

Free at last, he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me! **Chorus 1**

Chorus 2:

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

Bridge: (2x)

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am!

You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am! **Chorus 1 Chorus 2 (2x)**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Renwick

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.

CLOSING SONG

Trust in You

Lauren Daigle

Verse 1

Letting go of every single dream I lay each one down at your feet.

Every moment of my wondering never changes what you see.

Verse 2

I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need your rest.

Mighty warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face you're by my side.

Chorus

When you don't move the mountains I'm needing you to move,

when you don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,

when you don't give the answers as I cry out to you: I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in you!

Verse 3

Truth is you know what tomorrow brings. There's not a day ahead you have not seen.

So in all things be my life and breath. I want what you want, Lord, and nothing less!

Chorus

I will trust in you!

Bridge

You are my strength and comfort. You are my steady hand.

You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand

Your ways are always higher. Your plans are always good.

There's not a place where I'll go you've not already stood! **Chorus**

I will trust in you! (2x)

BENEDICTION

Kristin Franke

SENDING

NPC Band

GUESTBOOK

Attending in person? Please scan this code below to sign our guestbook to let us know you're here!



Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

School Supply & Snack Drive- Let's Pack the Pantry **TODAY!**

Today, we are holding a school supply and snack drive benefitting the University of District of Columbia Food Pantry. You may drop off in the Narthex before or after worship or drive through 1:00-3:00 pm. For more info and a shopping list, please visit nationalpres.org/event/school-supply-snack-drive/.

Communion

Next Sunday, August 1, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion. If you will be celebrating from your home please read the nationalpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Communion.pdf.

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 for more info at izorackgreene@nationalpres.org.

Prayers

We grieve the deaths of Karen Wildermuth on July 14, 2021, June Dickinson on July 18, 2021 and Jim Milam on July 20, 2021.

Please email lmartin@nationalpres.org to be informed about memorial services.

We pray for our mission partners including:

Dustin & Sherri Ellington, missionaries at Justo Mwale University in Zambia as they teach New Testament and English.

How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, (202) 537-7540.

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 29,

- 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.

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](#)

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Eugene (Gene) Martin by his wife, Joyce and their children remembering his July 30th birthday, the underwater landscape theme recalling family scuba diving adventures.

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.

We are here for you during this difficult time. 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 at lmartin@nationalpres.org in the Care Office if we can help.

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)

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. Visit nationalpres.org/connect/adults/classes/ for the Zoom link and to read all about the speakers and their topics. **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:

- Today: Dr. Lisa Sung, *Understanding Issues That Asian Americans Face in a Racialized Society*
- August 1: Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, *Blindly Following the Lamb with Seven Eyes: My Faith Journey*

Through August 29: 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/.



JULY 2021 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Or even better . . . it's **GREAT** just outside **OUR DOORS!** Many improvements are occurring this summer!



Dr. Renwick at the Upper Plaza glass guardrail



Garden terrace and ramp construction

The new outdoor **UPPER PLAZA** in front of the church on the Sanctuary level is nearly complete! This large, new space is available because of the new Garden Rooms constructed below. On the edge of the upper plaza is a **GLASS GUARDRAIL**, which means that everyone on the upper plaza can easily see our beautiful fountain. The planters that frame both sides of the upper plaza with soon have Ginko trees.

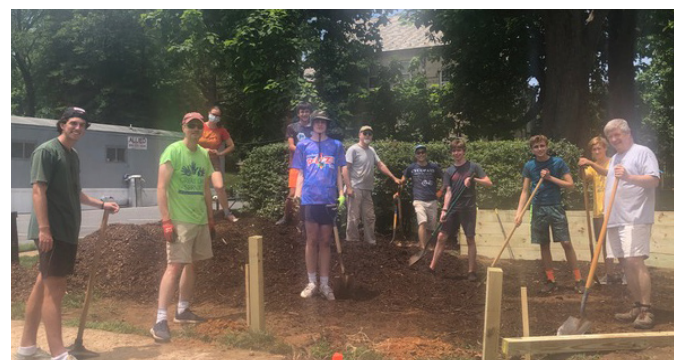
Right below the upper plaza, just outside the Garden Rooms, the new **GARDEN TERRACE, STAIRS** and **RAMP** leading up to the fountain garden are in place and soon grass sod will be added. Sidewalks have also been poured on the fountain level to enable people to easily reach that area.

On the parking lot side of the church just outside the **NEW ENTRANCE**, wide sidewalks have been poured enabling easy access to our entrance closest to the two new elevators and central staircase. Soon landscaping will be added along the walk, helping to make this entrance even more inviting.

And just outside the Youth House, the youth-requested **GAGA PIT** is nearly complete! The gaga pit was designed and constructed by several Facilities Council members and, earlier this month, many of our youth eagerly assisted leaders in assembling it.



Sidewalks at new entrance



Gaga Pit construction crew!

MISSION COMMITMENT



The **International Association for Refugees (IAFR)** uses NPC's Capital Campaign grant to provide essential services to refugees residing in Kakuma and Kalobeye camps in Kenya who were forced to flee war or disaster in their native countries. Approximately 186,000 have been resettled in Kakuma and approximately 40,000 in Kalobeye, with another 3,000 internally displaced Kenyans in Turkana West.



Aerial view of Kakuma Camp



Waiting for camp services

Tom Albinson, Founder and Director of IAFR, directs NPC's grant toward the funding of four major projects in affiliation with two other humanitarian organizations: erecting basic shelters for housing, drilling wells for clean water, providing wood and metal sheets to build churches, and supporting scholarships for five girls to attend high school.



Studying at school

Students in Kenya are required to pay for their own education beyond primary grades, and what education there is in the refugee camps does not lead to a high school diploma. The five girls attend boarding school in different areas of the country with the potential of receiving additional support from Lutheran World Federation to pursue advanced degrees. In spite of the additional constraints associated with Covid, the girls have made academic progress.

Our partnership with IAFR directly impacts the lives of refugees residing in the Kenyan camps.

CAPITAL \$ CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU to all that have contributed thus far to the Capital Campaign and especially to the **288 families that have paid ahead of schedule or paid above their original commitment amount!**



As expected, the construction project will be completed before all commitments are received which required NPC to borrow money against a previously approved line of credit. However, thanks to every dollar received ahead of schedule and/or above the original commitment, we were able to borrow money much later in the construction process than originally expected. More importantly, **every dollar we receive early from now until the end of the capital campaign will save NPC interest expenses on the existing loan.** We also remain hopeful that prudent project management and additional contributions will allow us to retire all outstanding debt by the end of the capital campaign.

If you not yet joined those how have committed and given to the campaign, **now is the time!** Just email or call our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7484.

Email Us: BuildingTogether@nationalpres.org

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