

WELCOME TO NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer Evening Worship

4:45 pm, August 22, 2021

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Kristin Franke

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

All Creatures of our God and King

David Crowder

Verse 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!

Verse 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!

Verse 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!

All The Way My Savior Leads Me

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

All the way my Savior leads me. Who have I to ask beside?

How could I doubt his tender mercy? Who through life has been my guide.

All the way my Savior leads me and cheers each winding path I tread.

And gives me grace for ev'ry trial; feeds me with the living Bread.

Chorus

You lead me and keep me from falling, You carry me close to your heart.

And surely your goodness and mercy will follow me.

Verse 2

All the way my Savior leads me. O the fullness of his love!

O the sureness of his promise in the triumph of his blood.

When my spirit clothed immortal wings its flight to realms of day.

This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way! Jesus led me all the way!

You lead me and keep me from falling, You carry me close to your heart.

And surely your goodness and mercy will follow me. (2x)

Will follow me

All the way my Savior leads me.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Dr. Quinn Fox

Holy and merciful God, in your presence and before one another, we confess our sins and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, we pray. Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son only our Savior.

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

1 Samuel 12:19-25; 1 Samuel 13: 8-11a

Evan Atchison

All the people said to Samuel, 'Pray to the LORD your God for your servants, so that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of demanding a king for ourselves.' And Samuel said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; and do not turn aside after useless things that cannot profit or save, for they are useless. For the LORD will not cast away his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself. Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only fear the LORD, and serve him faithfully with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you. But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.

King Saul waited for seven days, the time appointed by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people began to slip away from Saul. So Saul said, 'Bring the burnt-offering here to me, and the offerings of well-being.' And he offered the burnt-offering. As soon as he had finished offering the burnt-offering, Samuel arrived; and Saul went out to meet him and salute him. Samuel said, 'What have you done?'

MESSAGE

Mistakes Were Made: Now What?

Rev. Marsh

▲ SERMON RESPONSE

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins they are many; his mercy is more.

Chorus

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.*

Verse 3

What riches of kindness he lavished on us. His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.
*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more (2x)*
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. 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.

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

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures, you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh.
You are the peace in my troubled sea!

Verse 2

In the silence, you won't let go. In the questions your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh.
You are the peace in my troubled sea!

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you!
Oh, my Lighthouse my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore.
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore!

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea!
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you!
Oh, my Lighthouse my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore.
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore!
Fire before us, you're the brightest, you will lead us through the storms. **(3x)**
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you!
Oh, my Lighthouse my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore.
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Marsh

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

Schedule for Upcoming Sundays

Today, August 22

Choice of 2 worship services:

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

August 29

One service only - 11:00 am traditional worship service in the sanctuary and online. Welcome guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Cheryl Sanders!

September 5 (Labor Day Weekend)

Join us as we come together for a special time of worship and fellowship. We will have a single worship service at 11:00 am, followed by refreshments on our newly renovated upper plaza. We hope to see you there!

September 12

We begin our new fall schedule!

- 8:45-9:45 am: Contemporary worship
- 9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional worship

New to National? Welcome!

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!
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Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Serge and Donna Duss with gratitude to God on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 21.

Prayers

We pray for: Friends and family grieving the death of Sybil Cooper on August 3, 2021.

We pray for our mission partners including: Foundation for Peace, an NPC mission partner helping to alleviate misery and hunger in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

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

Military Ministry Meeting Online Sunday, August 29th

All are welcome to our online meeting and fellowship as we celebrate the Coast Guard's birthday and hear from CDR Mike Baker (CG Ret) at 1:00 pm on August 29th. For Zoom link and details please visit our [events page](#) online.

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class

Becoming a church member at National is a step forward on your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, attend our two half-day online classes:

- Saturday, September 18 and
- Saturday, September 25.

More information can be found on our website, or contact Kemet Rakiatu to register by September 8th at 202-537-7578 or KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.

Bless Our Children!

Come use your gifts to bless our children by becoming a Children's Ministry volunteer! Please email Terry Kumnick for more information at tkumnick@nationalpres.org.

Join us for in-person worship (and we're still online)!

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

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.

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.

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Learn & Grow

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

Join us online for Faith Connection on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. This week, Dr. Renwick continues his *Renewing Your Life in Christ* series with *How Can I Grow in Faith?*

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! 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 22: Rev. Patricia Hailes Fears and Ms. Kimberly Mazyck *Now What? Responding to Immediate Local Needs and Long-term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Our City*
- August 29: Rev. Dr. Cheryl Sanders, *Christian Responses to Racial Injustice: Complicity, Compromise and Confrontation*

Wrapping up 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 please visit nationalpres.org/event/summer-sundays-at-national/2021-08-29/.

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

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)

Trying times take their toll – we are here to support. The Care/Connections staff have prepared resources that may 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.

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