

WELCOME TO NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer Evening Worship

4:45 pm, July 11, 2021

GATHERING	Improvisations	Kevin Rose, keyboard
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Dr. Quinn Fox
CALL TO WORSHIP		Alex O'Dell Summer Intern
OPENING SONGS	In Christ Alone	Keith and Kristyn Getty

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied-
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand:
till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Lord, I Need You

Christy Nockels

Verse 1

Lord, I come. I confess. Bowing here I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus

*Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Every hour I need you.
My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need you.*

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. (2x) **Chorus**

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay. (2x) **Chorus (2x)**
My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need you!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Dr. David Renwick

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. In your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Mark 12:28-34

Caroline Dickey

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbor as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

MESSAGE

Loving the Lord with Mind and Strength

Dr. Quinn Fox

SERMON RESPONSE

How Can It Be

Jason Ingram

Verse 1

I am guilty, ashamed of what I've done, what I've become.
These hands are dirty. I dare not lift them up to the Holy One.

Chorus

*You plead my cause. You right my wrongs. You break my chains. You overcome.
You gave your life to give me mine. You say that I am free, how can it be? Oh, how can it be?*

Verse 2

I've been hiding, afraid I've let you down. Inside I doubt that you could love me.
But in your eyes there's only grace now. **Chorus**

Bridge

Though I fall you can make me new. From this death I will rise with you.
Oh, the grace reaching out for me! How can it be? How can it be? **Chorus**

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.

CLOSING SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Verse 1

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 and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

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

You laid down your life that I would be set free. Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.

Verse 2

Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphans a son and daughter?

The King of glory, the King of glory.

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. **Chorus**

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (3x)

And worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy, worthy, worthy! **Chorus**

BENEDICTION

Dr. Fox

SENDING

Your Love Awakens Me

Phil Wickham

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](#)

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

On Sunday, July 25, 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/events/school-supply-snack-drive.

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.

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.

Fresh look for our website

Exciting news! Starting July 12, you will notice a fresh look on our website. It will have all the same, great features with an updated look and feel. Once you've had a chance to check it out, we are looking forward to receiving your comments, suggestions and questions at cwilkerson@nationalpres.org. To see a sneak peek, please [click here](#)!

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.

Please register for in-person worship:

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

Prayers

We pray for:

We are overjoyed to announce the birth of a baby girl, Robeen, to Sif and Laila Zeido! Baby, mom, and big brothers are all doing well. We rejoice with these friends who captured our hearts when they arrived from Syria several years ago.

We pray for our mission partners including:

Central Union Mission as they serve the spiritual and physical needs of homeless and vulnerable people in DC.

How can we pray for you?

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

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Gloria Borden in memory of Commander Edward L. Borden, USN remembering his July 9th birthday.

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/events/reading.

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. Please visit nationalpres.org/adults 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. Diana Glycer, *The Future of Friendship: Relationships after the Pandemic*
- July 18: Rev. Kerri Alexander, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Inclusion Officer, Xavier University, New Orleans

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/events/summer-Sundays-national.

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

7:00 pm on Wednesdays - join us online at nationalpres.org/live! *True Confessions: What Presbyterians Believe*: Dr. Quinn Fox continues a class on the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Confessions*. This is a follow-on to his *Why Presbyterian?* class this past January.

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.

Why Presbyterian? now on YouTube

Want to find out *Who We Are, What We Believe, and How We Work*? Visit youtube.com/user/nationalpres to watch this series, taught by Dr. Quinn Fox, and more!

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)