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NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Staying Connected in Christ”

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11 A. M. ET ONLINE WORSHIP, APRIL 26, 2020

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Concerto No. 4 in F, Allegro

G.F. Handel

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

ALL: Happy are those whose hope and trust are in the Lord their God.

**Happy are those who fear the LORD, walk in God’s ways,
and meditate on God’s laws day and night.**

Happy are those who live in God’s house, ever singing God’s praise.

ONE: This is our God: let us praise God’s name together!

Psalms 1, 84, 128

HYMN *please sing!*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
2. Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. **Refrain**
3. At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. **Refrain**
4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. **Refrain**

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

Help us, Lord, to see ourselves as you see us,
and in repentance for what we are,
to cast ourselves in trust upon your love.
Speak to us your word of pardon,
for our trust is not in any virtue or wisdom of our own,
but only in the mercy and love of God,
shown to us most clearly in the life and work of your beloved Son.

William Temple
Archbishop of Canterbury

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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

Cate McCrory

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Donna Marsh

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bigger Than We Are!

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do thine own part faithfully;

Trust the rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in thee.

God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

Georg Neumark, 1657

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Dr. Joyce Emery

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;

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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

Keep Me Faithfully in Thy Paths

G. F. Handel

Keep me faithfully in thy paths. O Lord, and trusting in thine end.

In thy goodness, Lord, be thou merciful.

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 THE 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.

HYMN *please sing!*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

BENEDICTION and PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Quinn Fox

POSTLUDE

Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Finale

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Todd Fickley, organ

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Let's Stay Connected

Announcements for You

Floral Dedications

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor and Adolph Keyser, by their family Laurie, Russ, Russell and Matthew Brunner.

THANK YOU for Raising over \$50, 000 for COVID-19 Relief:

You have generously given over \$50,000 to help vulnerable people. The majority of these funds, which are above and beyond our regular support, are going 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 are also sending a portion to our capital campaign mission partners overseas, who work on the front lines serving vulnerable refugees.

It's not too late to participate! Click the link below, press "Make a Gift" and then choose the fund: "COVID Relief Mission Challenge."
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Receive Care from the Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are available to listen to, comfort, and pray with you during this season. Contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or (202)-537-7540 to request a Stephen Minister.

Celebrating Communion Online and in Our Homes

Next Sunday, May 3, 11:00 a.m. ET
As pastors and musicians celebrate Communion during the online service on May 3, members of the congregation and their families are invited to share in the celebration in your homes. WATCH for guidelines for preparation and serving in the congregational email on Wednesday (and in communications with youth and families).

Wednesday Faith Connection

Livestream this Wednesday

Join Dr. Renwick and our musicians on Wednesdays from 7-7:45 p.m. ET, as we explore God's word for us in the New Testament Letter to the Colossians – a letter written to one of the most vibrant churches of the first century.

THIS WEEK: April 29 –Colossians: Praying for Jesus' Power (Colossians 1:1-14; 4:2-6)

May 6 –Colossians: The Exalted Jesus (1:13-23)

May 13 – Colossians: Jesus Mysteriously for Everyone (1:21-29)

May 20 – Colossians: Jesus or Religion? (2:1-3)

May 27 – Colossians: Jesus' Life in Our Lives (3:1-17)

June 3 – Colossians: Jesus' Life in Our Relationships (3:18-4:6)

June 10 – Colossians: Jesus' Team at Work (4:7-15)

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