



# WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Joyce Emery

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 2

Elder John Neely

Why do the nations conspire,  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,  
<sup>3</sup> “Let us burst their bonds asunder,  
and cast their cords from us.”  
  
<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord has them in derision.  
<sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
<sup>6</sup> “I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”  
  
<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to me, “You are my son;  
today I have begotten you.  
<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”  
  
<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear,  
with trembling <sup>12</sup> kiss his feet,  
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
  
Happy are all who take refuge in him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Decree of the Lord  
Psalm 72, Acts 4:23-31, Matthew 25:31-34

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# WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Saxony*

By God’s decree the Son receives all nations for a heritage;  
the conqu’ring Christ supreme shall reign as King of kings, from age to age.  
Be wise, O rulers of the earth, and serve the Lord with godly fear;  
with reverent joy confess the Son while yet in mercy he is near.

from Psalm 2, *The Psalter*, 1912

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn 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****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.

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

Why Do the Nations

G. F. Handel

Why do the nations so furiously rage together; why do the people imagine a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and his anointed.

Psalm 2:1, 2

Ethan Lee Greene, bass-baritone

**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.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION****HYMN** *please sing!*

All Hail to God's Anointed

*Munich*

1. All hail to God's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
All hail, in time appointed, your reign on earth begun!  
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression and rule in equity.
2. All rulers bow before you, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore you, your praise all peoples sing.  
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
your rule is still increasing, your rule is without end.

3. O'er every foe victorious, you on your throne shall rest;  
from age to age all glorious, all blessing and all blest.  
The tide of time shall never your covenant remove;  
your name shall stand forever, your changeless name of love.

**BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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**POSTLUDE**

March in D Major

G.F. Handel  
Mr. Fickley, organ

# Let's Stay Connected

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## Announcements for You

### Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancyjane Darling, a former volunteer member of the library staff, by the Director of the Library and Archives, J. Theodore Anderson.

### Contactless Food Drive: You Can Help!

July 5, 4–6 pm, NPC Parking Lot

NPC is hosting a drive-through Food Drive for Central Union Mission. [Visit our website](#) for a list of accepted donations and help us get over 200 cars. Let's fill the truck and feed our neighbors!

### 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 [click here](#) to fill in the form, and we will be in touch.

### LIVE Today!

#### Connect LIVE

Following worship from 12-12:30 on Zoom You are invited to a casual gathering where you can "pass the peace of Christ," meet new friends and see familiar faces! To join, click the "Connect LIVE" button above the livestream window after the service.

#### Prayer LIVE

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call between noon and 1:00 p.m. 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**

### Receive Care from a Stephen Minister

Stephen Ministers are available to listen to, comfort, and pray with you during this season. Contact Liz Martin via [email](#) or call (202)-537-7540 to request a Stephen Minister.

### 2019 Annual Report Now Available

[Click here](#) to view the 2019 Annual Report.

## LEARN & GROW

### Adult Sunday School Speaker Series

*"For Such a Time As This"*

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am

Join us virtually as we hear from speakers across the country. At 9:45 am, Richard Mouw speaks on "Civility and Common Grace in a Pandemic Season." Next Sunday, July 5, John Burgess will present "Alternative Politics: The Russian Orthodox Church in Putin's Russia." [Click here](#) for information about how to join.

### Children and Youth Sunday School

Sundays, 10:00 am ET

Please join us for our summer program, *Faith Heroes: Then and Now*, today! For more information about Children's Sunday School, [email Cate McCrory](#), and for Youth Sunday School, [email Kristin Franke](#).

### The Gospel According to Baseball

Wednesdays, 7-7:45 pm ET

When Major League Baseball will return to play may be uncertain, but the centrality of "America's Favorite Pastime" to our nation's history and identity remains. Dr. Quinn Fox will continue an exploration into how baseball has been influenced by, and has in turn influenced, American life.

### 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 in this time of world-wide anxiety. Your giving empowers us to serve the vulnerable at this critical time in partnership with our local and international partners. [Not yet made a gift online or by phone?](#) Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](https://nationalpres.org/giving) or text "NPC" to 77977.

#### Military Ministry

Have you served in a branch of the military? Please [email Ginny Beeson](#) with your service information; example: Ginny Beeson, Captain, USN (Ret).