

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Staying Connected in Christ
11 AM ONLINE WORSHIP, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020
WORLD COMMUNION

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

INVITATION TO WORLD COMMUNION

Nilanthi Beekhuysen, Sinhalese
Jessie Chanthunya, Chichewa
Joel Velasco, Portuguese
Patrick Zhou, Mandarin

*Jesus said, "People will come from east and west, north and south
and will eat in the kingdom of God."*

HYMN *please sing!*

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near: Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er hath been granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again: Gladly, for aye we adore him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Donna Marsh

Almighty and merciful God, we have tasted that you are good,
yet we sin, and turn from the way of salvation. Forgive us, O Lord.
Help us remember that we have received your mercy,
and have become your people.
Strengthen us for holy living by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may serve you according to our calling, proclaiming to all the world
the mighty acts of God, who calls us out of darkness into light.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *please sing!*

St. Peter

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Donna Marsh

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:1-16, 19-20

Dr. Quinn Fox

¹In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called.
²He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. ³One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." ⁴He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" The Lord answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; ⁶he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." ⁷When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, ⁸and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹²In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." ¹⁵The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁶This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

¹⁹While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three men are searching for you. ²⁰Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.”

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

SERMON

New Vision—New World
Acts 10:24, 34-48; 11:1-3

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
(Parish Associate)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Dr. Joyce Emery
K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
 show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
 separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good,
 and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.
 Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
 help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
 Let thy word my weapon be, Lord thine the victory.

Thomas T. Lynch (1-3) and K. L. S. (4)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Emery

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that who so believeth in him should not perish,
 but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world
 through him might be saved.

John 3:16-17

Prayer of Response 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.

HYMN

O Christ the Great Foundation

Aurelia

1. O Christ the great foundation on which your people stand
 To preach your true salvation in every age and land:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
 To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.
2. Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
 We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
 One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
 By grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.
3. Called forth from every nation, one people of the Lord,
 Proclaiming Christ's salvation, God's reconciling Word,
 We serve God's world together, with zealous hearts, and pure,
 While sovereignly God gathers a kingdom to endure.

Timothy T'ingfang Lew

Michael Denham

BENEDICTION

Dr. Emery

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Mr. Fickley

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Communion Today, Oct 4

Today, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion from your home . [Here are guidelines for preparation and serving of communion.](#)

Connect LIVE on Zoom

Immediately following online worship, you are invited to a casual virtual gathering where you can "pass the peace of Christ" with others and enjoy conversation. To join in, simply 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 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.

Mission Gifts for Christmas is just around the corner! Though we won't be able to meet in Stone Hall for the Christmas Party this year, you can still sponsor ministries around the world that need our generosity at Christmas. Please fill out [this form](#) to nominate a ministry.

COVID is just plain hard!

We are in this together. The Care/Connections staff have prepared resources to use during this time. Use them on your own or share with a friend. Feeling Isolated? Grieving? Anxious? Needing to have a hard conversation with someone? Find these resources on the [Care webpage](#) or contact [Liz Martin](#) or [Leslie Saum](#).

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.

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 77977.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God on this World Communion Day by the Flower and Music Ministries in memory of Ruth and Jim Barham and the gifts of dedication, creativity, beauty and encouragement that they shared with their NPC family for so many years.

Prayers

We grieve the death of Carol Wiseman on September 23, 2020.

We grieve the death of Diane Della-Loggia on September 23, 2020.

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

Please pray for John Wagner, overseeing Young Life Global Cities, and for adolescents in the world over to meet Christ.

Come and Add Your Prayer Stone

We welcome everyone to visit the [new Prayer Pathway of Hope](#) display here on the NPC campus (at the Van Ness St. entrance). You can write a prayer on stones provided, and place with others' prayers as you meditate on a tranquil pathway of hope-filled Scriptures. Questions? Please email LSaum@Nationalpres.org or call 202-537-7494.

Learn & Grow

Wednesday Faith Connection

Wednesdays, 7-7:45pm ET

You are invited to join us on our [Worship Live page](#) as Dr. Renwick explores Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School

You are invited to join us! You can check out our options for each group here:

- [Adult Sunday School info](#)
- [Children Sunday School info](#)
- [Youth Sunday School info](#)