

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Staying Connected in Christ”*

11 A. M. ONLINE WORSHIP, JULY 5, 2020, COMMUNION

## WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE

Voluntary on “America the Beautiful”

Chad Staten  
Todd Fickley, organ

### CHIMES

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### HYMN *please sing!*

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*National Hymn*

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
    Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
    Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
    Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
    In this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
    Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
    Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war’s alarms and deadly pestilence,  
    Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
    Thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
    Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,  
    Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
    Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
    And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876

#### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

Almighty God, your ancient prophets proclaimed  
    that all nations will one day acknowledge you and bow before you.  
Yet we remain calloused to the truth and power of your word.  
    Forgive the hardness of our sinful hearts.  
In mercy and in grace, strengthen us to obey and follow you,  
    until that day when justice rolls down like waters,  
    and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## 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

Rev. Marsh

### SCRIPTURE

### Psalm 27

Elder Fred Byus

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
- 4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
- 6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
8 “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, O Lord, do I seek.  
9 Do not hide your face from me.
- Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
- 10 If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.
- 12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.
- 13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

This Is My Song

*Finlandia*

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come, on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.      Lloyd Stone (1), 1934 Georgia Harkness (2), 1939

### 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;  
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

God Is Our Strong Salvation

Austin Lovelace

God is our strong salvation, what foe have we to fear?  
In darkness and temptation, our light, our help is near.  
Though troubles here surround us, firm in God’s might we stand;  
With all God’s strength around us, God’s victory is at hand.  
In him we rest securely: The battle is the Lord’s.  
As undefiled and purely goes forth his holy word.  
God’s hand our hearts will strengthen, God’s love our trust increase.  
Mercy our days shall lengthen; the Lord will give us peace.      based on Psalm 27

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Emery

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Todd Fickley, piano

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** *please sing!*

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Materna*

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm the soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!
3. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!
4. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea! Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

**BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev. Marsh

**POSTLUDE**

The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa  
Mr. Fickley

# Let's Stay Connected

## Announcements for You

### Floral Dedication

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God** by Gerri Hall and David Nickels in memory of their parents, Helen and Randy Hall and Evelyn and Horace Nickels.

### Communion Today

You are invited to share in the celebration of communion from your home. Here are [guidelines](#) for preparation and serving of communion. Show us your communion by emailing your sharable photos to [communications@nationalpres.org](mailto:communications@nationalpres.org).

### Military Ministry Today

As we celebrate that our nation is the "land of the free" this weekend, the Military Ministry will host a Zoom meeting following the service.

There will be an update of ministry activities and a discussion of plans for the coming year. All are welcome to attend. Email [Liz Martin](mailto:Liz.Martin@nationalpres.org) for info.

### Food Drive TODAY!

July 5, 4–6 pm, NPC Parking Lot

NPC is hosting a safe, contactless 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!

### 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!" 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**

### 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. Next week (July 12), Tremper Longman will speak on "The Bible and the Ballot." [Click here](#) for more info.

#### 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.

### Nominations for Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Submit recommendations [here](#).

### 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](https://nationalpres.org/giving) or text "NPC" to 77977.

### 2019 Annual Report Now Available

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

*We celebrate the birth of  
**Reed Gilmore Tamny** on March 1, 2020  
to parents, Kendall and John Tamny.*