

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *“Staying Connected in Christ”*

11 A. M. ONLINE WORSHIP, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

### WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**

Antiphon

Marcel Dupre  
William Neil, guest organist

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. David Renwick

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
and people of all ethnicities shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:2-3

**HYMN** *please sing!*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Ein’ feste Burg*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power re great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

Martin Luther

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. Renwick

Merciful God,

You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask for your grace and mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

In your great compassion and steadfast love, cleanse us from our sin.

## 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!*

*Ein' feste Burg*

God's word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is forever.

Martin Luther

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Cate McCrory

### SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-14

Evangeline Paschal

- <sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,  
with palm branches in their hands.
- <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,  
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
- <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders  
and the four living creatures,  
and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,  
<sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
- <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,  
"Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"
- <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me,  
"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;  
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*O Waly, Waly*

Lord, make us servants of your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.  
Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Francis of Assisi (paraphrased)

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 *please sing!*

*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!*

In Christ There Is No East or West

*St. Peter*

1. 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.
2. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
3. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham

**BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

Overture in B Flat Major

G.F. Handel  
Mr. Neil

# Let's Stay Connected: Announcements for You

## Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of the August 15th wedding of Joyce Malcolm and Mike Unger.

## Connect LIVE on Zoom

Following worship, 12-12:30 pm on Zoom, you are invited to a casual gathering where you can "pass the peace of Christ" with others. 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 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**

**We welcome back William Neil**, who served as NPC's organist for 16 years. Mr. Neil continues as principal organist for the NSO and remains active as an organist and accompanist throughout the DC music community.

## Welcome to Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount

We welcome back to National the Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount, president and professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. Dr. Blount was called to this position in 2007 after serving for 15 years as the Professor of New Testament at Princeton Seminary.

Dr. Blount obtained his B.A. from the College of William and Mary in 1978, where he became the first African-American member of the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. From 1982-85 he served as the pastor of the Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, VA, before attending Emory University where he received his Ph.D. in New Testament in 1992. His primary work has been in the Gospel of Mark, the Book of Revelation and in the area of cultural studies and hermeneutics. He is the author of many articles, six books and is the General Editor for *True To Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary* by Fortress Press.

## LEARN & GROW

### Adult Sunday School Speaker Series

Join us virtually on Sunday 9:45-10:45 am as we hear from speakers across the country.

Aug 16: Rev. Dr. Brian Blount, President & Professor of New Testament, Union Presbyterian Seminary, "*Protestantism, The Reformed Faith, Slavery and Race*"

Aug 23: Vince Bantu, Assistant Professor of Church History and Black Church Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, "*The Color of Christianity*" [Click here](#) for more info. Missed a speaker? [Catch up here!](#)

### Children and Youth Sunday School

Sundays, 10:00 am ET

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

### Wednesday Faith Connection

Wednesdays, 7-7:45 pm ET

Join us Wednesdays in August as Dr. David Renwick continues a series of discussions on matters of race, entitled "*God So Loved THE WORLD: What to Read? How to Think? What to Do?*" Join us Wednesdays for this thoughtful conversation on our [Worship Live page!](#)

### 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.

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