

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“*Staying Connected in Christ*”
11 A. M. ONLINE WORSHIP, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020
WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Nimrod

Edward Elgar
William Neil, Guest Organist

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 2:3-4

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.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

HYMN *please sing!*

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe the feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

John Newton

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. Quinn Fox

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they are from of old.

Do not remember my sins or my transgressions,
but according to your steadfast love remember me.

Good and upright are you, O Lord; you therefore instruct sinners in your way.

For your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

from Psalm 25

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!*

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

Dr. Joyce Emery

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 122

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
² Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
³ Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
⁴ To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
⁵ For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.”
⁷ Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.’
⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”
⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

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

SERMON

Next Year in Jerusalem
Luke 19:41-42

Dr. Emery

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Steal Away

Brian Tate
Spiritual

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home. I ain’t got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by thunder:
The trumpet sounds within my soul. *I ain’t got long to stay here.*
Zion is calling, the stars soon be a-falling:
The trumpet sounds within my soul. *I ain’t got long to stay here.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Early American Revivalist Song

Come, fathers and mothers, come, sisters and brothers, come, join us in singing the praises of Zion.

O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?

We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

Ethan Lee Greene, bass-baritone and Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

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!*

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one:
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
2. In this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts today;
with your faithful lovingkindness hear your people as we pray.
And your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.
3. Here bestow on all your servants what we ask of you to gain,
what we gain from you forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Emery

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois

Mr. Neil

Let's Stay Connected: Announcements for You

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for the ministry contributions of our summer interns.

Prayers

We celebrate the birth of Rose Marjorie to parents Troy and Erin Cudworth and big sister Eleanor.

We grieve the death of Howard Moon on August 13, 2020. For information about the Memorial Service, please contact Liz at lmartin@nationalpres.org

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.

News Concerning Re-gathering

[Read the latest update about our progress toward re-opening from Dr. Renwick here.](#)

Labor Day Weekend Sept 6

We have a couple of very special events! [Click here for more info.](#)

- 9:00 am we will have an outdoor socially distanced service in our parking lot. Space is limited and **RSVPs** will be required for each family member.
- 11:00 am Worship online
- 12:00 pm Groundbreaking! We will be celebrating the kick-off of our construction activities with a groundbreaking at both services.

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 23: Vince Bantu, Assistant Professor of Church History and Black Church Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, "*The Color of Christianity*"

Aug 30: Steve Park, Executive Director and Founder, Little Lights Urban Ministries, "*The Gospel and Race in DC's Urban Context*"

[Click here](#) for more info. Missed a speaker? [Catch up here!](#)

Children and Youth Sunday School

We are on a break! We wrapped up our wonderful Faith Heroes study and will resume Children and Youth Sunday School on Sept 13.

Wednesday Faith Connection

Wednesdays, 7-7:45 pm ET

Join us next Wednesday, Aug. 26 on our [Worship Live page](#) as Dr. Renwick concludes a series of discussions on matters of race, entitled "*God So Loved THE WORLD: What to Read? How to Think? What to Do?*" We will take a 1-week break and then spend the remainder of September, starting Sept 9, in Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class

Interested in becoming a member? You're invited to attend the two half-day virtual new member classes, 9:30-12:30, on Sat, Sept 26 and Oct 3. For more information please contact Kemet Rakiatu at krakiatu@nationalpres.org or 202-537-7578.

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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