

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Staying Connected in Christ”

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11 A. M. ONLINE WORSHIP, MARCH 29, 2020

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis Gerald Near
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;
Indeed, he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.
John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:18,15*

HYMN *please sing!* Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Joyce Emery

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, and word, and deed,
by the evil we have done, and by the good we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *please sing!*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Joyce Emery

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

LENTEN RESPONSE *please sing!*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning, new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Joyce Emery

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:1-25

Dr. Quinn Fox

Then **the assembly** rose as a body and brought Jesus before **Pilate**. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the **chief priests and the crowds**, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When **Herod** saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the **scribes** stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his **soldiers** treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

³Pilate then called together **the chief priests, the leaders, and the people**, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him." ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"

²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

²⁴So **Pilate gave his verdict** that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

SERMON

Following Jesus: Who Killed Jesus Why?

Dr. David Renwick

(Download Sermon Notes)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN *(please sing)*

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2. Here might I stay and sing, no story do divine:
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Dr. Renwick

Hymn Medley

Todd Fickley, piano

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hamburg

"In Christ Alone"

Townend & Getty

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

Rev. Marsh

HYMN *please sing!*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And crown him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear the sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

3. Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. David Renwick

POSTLUDE

Chorale Improvisation on “Cwm Rhondda”

Paul Manz

Let's Stay Connected

Announcements for You

Lenten Vespers Online

Join us this coming Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for an encouraging message and prayer time. This Wednesday, April 1, connect with us for Rev. Donna Marsh's sermon, 'Making Most of the Moment.'

Holy Week Worship Online

On Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, we'll celebrate together online the Good News that doesn't change, even when the way we have church does change!

Find Your Friends and Reach Out to Them

It's the perfect time to call a friend from NPC or send a note in the mail. You can find members and friends of the church on the NPC password protected congregational directory. Visit nationalpres.ccbchurch.com and click "request access" to log in. You can...

- Search for members and friends by first or last names.
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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.

- **Want to make a gift online?**
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Text the letters NPC to 77977.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ruth Olive Rottstedt Anderson by her son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

Grief Support Group via Zoom or Phone

Sundays at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Do you need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? GriefShare is an online seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one.

Contact the Care Office at lmartin@nationalpres.org or call (202) 537-7540 to receive a link to access the seminar videos.

Did You Know NPC Has Social Media?

Follow the National Presbyterian Church pages to see fun and inspiring posts about our life together.

- **Facebook:** Search @NationalPres or visit facebook.com/NationalPres
- **Instagram:** @nationalpres

Take Time to Grow Spiritually

As you find yourself in this extraordinary season, we want to provide some resources to place the Lord at the center of your life each day. Spend time reading your Bible daily, and check your email every Wednesday for a message from NPC containing helpful links to devotions and study materials.

How to Help Our Neighbors

Your love and generosity are inspiring! We are getting lots of inquiries about how to help congregation members and other families in our city who may go hungry or be in need.

- Our Care Office is assessing the needs of congregation members. Contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or (202)537-7540 with requests or offers of assistance.
- Our local mission a few have opportunities to volunteer. Please contact John Turpin at jturpin@nationalpres.org or (202)537-7505 for guidance.

Expert Advice for Older Adults & Families

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. Free appointments available remotely. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org