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NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Staying Connected in Christ”

(See Announcements & Guidelines for Communion at Home pp. 4, 5)

11 A. M. ONLINE COMMUNION WORSHIP, MAY 3, 2020

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Meditation on “Draw Us In The Spirit’s Tether”

Gerre Hancock
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

HYMN *please sing!*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Joyce Emery

Most gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that, time after time,
we have entered your presence with prayers on our lips
but with hearts closed to your grace,
we have lifted our hands in praise
but our feet have still walked in ways of evil,
we have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbors.
Forgive us, merciful Lord, and pardon our disobedient and unjust acts.
Humble us before you, then strengthen us for holy and righteous living.

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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

Dr. David Renwick

You shall have no God but me; before no idol bow your knee.
Take not the name of God in vain, nor do the sabbath day profane.
Give both your parents honor due, and see that you no murder do.
Be faithful to the vows you make, and what's not yours you must not take;
Nor make a willful lie, or love it; what is your neighbor's do not covet.
(You shall have no God but me; before no idol bow your knee.)

Ten Commandments Rap

SCRIPTURE *selected read responsively*

Matthew 5:13-37

Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery

One: 13 "You are the salt of the earth;

All: but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under-foot.

14 You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.

18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until it is accomplished. 20 Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment."

22 But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire.

27 You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."

28 But I say to you that everyone that looks on a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

31 It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce."

32 But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the grounds of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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33 Again, you have heard it said that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.”

34 **But I say to you, do not swear at all, by heaven, for it is the throne of God,**
35 **or by earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the**
great King.

37 Let your word be, “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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

SERMON

Rules of the Game

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Ten Commandments

Dr. David Renwick

Exodus 20:1-17

When God, in love and grace, brought his people out of slavery, they made a covenant with the Lord, promising to follow in his ways. Their God is our God too, and as a response to God’s grace made known to us in Jesus Christ, we too promise to follow him, saying together...

1. **We will serve no other god before the Lord.**
2. **We will allow no objects to become more important to us than the living God.**
3. **We will hallow God’s name made known in Jesus Christ**
4. **We will give specific time to God each week.**
5. **We will honor father and mother.**
6. **We will not murder or treat life carelessly,**
7. **nor treat spouses, promises or sex casually,**
8. **nor take or keep what is not ours,**
9. **nor treat the truth as relative, or manipulate it with each other.**
10. **We will guard our hearts, and seek contentment in what God gives to us**
With God’s help. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Savior, Source of Every Blessing

W. A. Mozart

Savior, Savior, source of every blessing, sent from God, and of the Virgin born, truly thou hast suffered greatly, once broken on the cross for man. Thou the crucified, from whose pierced side truly water and blood did flow, Savior, thou hast become the first fruits of all who belong to God.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION ([*guidelines for serving*](#))

Rev. Donna Marsh

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Let Us Break Bread Together

Moses Hogan

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Traditional Spiritual

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Sheri Jackson, soprano, with Todd Fickley, piano

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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!*

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Cross of Jesus

1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine that you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By the promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

BENEDICTION and PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. David Renwick

POSTLUDE

Divertimento on "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

A.D. Miller
Todd Fickley, organ

Celebrating Communion Online and at Home

As pastors and musicians celebrate Communion during today's online service, you are invited to share in the celebration in your homes. [Here are guidelines](#) for preparation and serving of communion.

In Brief . . .

Physical Preparation of the Cup and Bread

Be prayerful and dignified in preparation.

- a. Pour grape juice (and when no children are present, wine is acceptable in a Presbyterian Church) into individual cups. If you have no grape juice or wine, use water.
- b. Obtain bread or crackers.

During the online service, as the pastor directs, partake of the bread and the cup.

Remembering we are part of the greater church, serve yourself or, if others are present, serve each other.

- ***Take or share the bread saying***, "The body of Christ, given for me and for us/for you and for us."
- ***Take or share the cup saying***, "The blood of Christ, shed for me and for us/for you and for us."

At the conclusion of the online service

Dispose of the unused elements in a graceful manner. Remember that in the Presbyterian tradition, the bread is still bread, and the juice still juice. Make sure that the method of disposal does not undermine the sanctity of the moment. Our Book of Order suggests "consuming what remains or returning the elements to the earth."

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Let's Stay Connected

Announcements for You

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Robert Chaump by his daughters Melissa Chaump and Melanie Chaump Lenhard, and his family.

Receive Care from the Stephen Ministry Stephen Ministers are available to listen to, comfort, and pray with you during this season. Contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or (202)-537-7540 to request a Stephen Minister.

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Livestream: Faith Connection

Dr. David Renwick

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. ET

Join Dr. Renwick and our musicians as we explore God's word for us in the New Testament Letter to the Colossians – a letter written to one of the most vibrant churches of the first century.

THIS WEEK:

May 6 – Colossians: The Exalted Jesus (1:13-23)

UPCOMING:

May 13 – Jesus Mysteriously for Everyone

May 20 – Jesus or Religion?

May 27 – Jesus' Life in Our Lives

June 3 – Jesus' Life in Our Relationships

June 10 – Jesus' Team at Work

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