

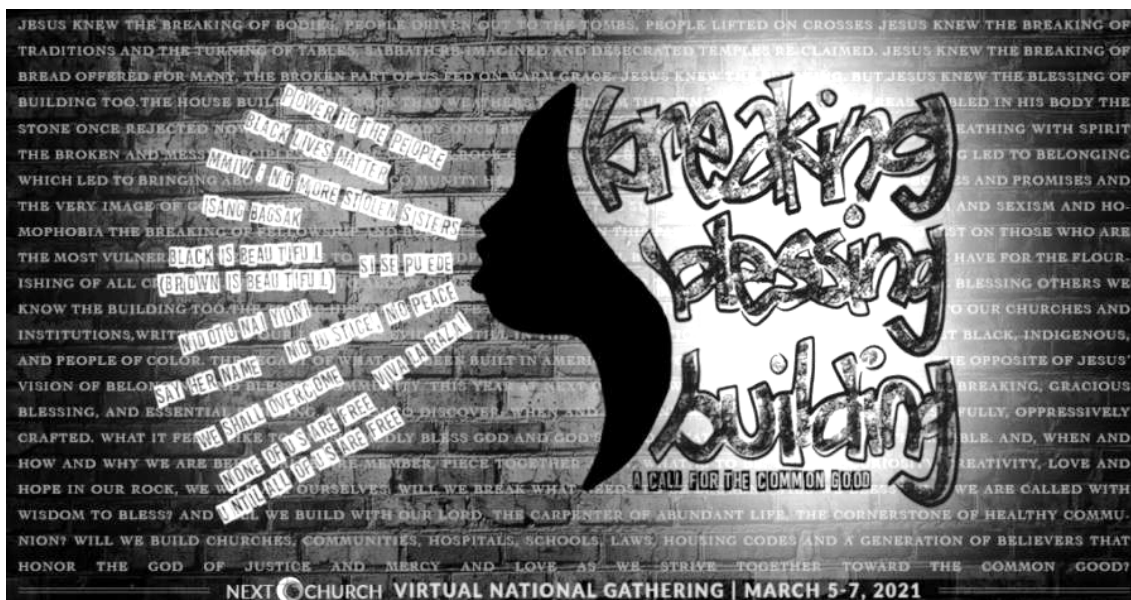
MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 7, 2021 • 3rd Sunday of Lent • 10am



Welcome & Concerns of the Church

Today we are worshipping with the community of NEXT Church.

NEXT Church is a community of Presbyterian leaders whose mission is to strengthen a vibrant and thriving PCUSA that shares the Good News of Jesus Christ in ways that matter and have impact on God's evolving world. This worship service is the conclusion of the 2021 National Gathering, which occurred virtually over the past weekend. The theme for this year's National Gathering was: Breaking, Blessing, Building: A Call for Common Good

Gathering Song

Surrender

Performed by Chanda Rule (voice) and Nicholas Cassarno (guitar)

Words: Chanda Rule, based on the original text of Judson W. Van DeVenter

Music: Winfield S. Weeden, arranged by Chanda Rule and Nicholas Cassarno

From the album Surrender. Used with permission of the artists.

Call to Worship

One: We come to this space to renew our commitment to you, God, to each other, and to all those your love calls us to serve.

All: Together we commit to the work of breaking, blessing, and building for the common good.

We come aware the work requires all we can give. It will disorient and unsettle us. It will humble us. And it will also reveal the glory of God in ways that startle and delight us.

Together we commit to the work of breaking, blessing, and building for the common good.

We come offering our whole selves to you, the One who made us, who calls us good, and who calls us to abundant life - an abundance not just for us but for all your people, indeed the whole creation.

Together we commit to the work of breaking, blessing, and building for the common good.

Friends, let's raise our voices together and continue the work that we have committed to do.

Let us worship God.

Opening Song

We are Building Up a New World

Performed by Chanda Rule (soloist) and Paul Vasile (piano and voice)

with Conie Borchardt, Patricia Cannon, Valerie Clayton, Donna Cook, Erin Counihan, Adele Crawford, Scott Funston, Annie Godfrey, LeAnn Hodges, Abby Madden, Linda Peebles, Chris Shelton, Jennifer Warner, and Kimberly Young

Words: Dr. Vincent Harding

Music: African-American Spiritual, arr. Paul Vasile

Video Editing: Travis McClung

Audio Mixing: Travis McClung and Paul Vasile

Prayer of Confession

Voice 1:

Let us break open our hearts as we receive the blessing of forgiveness, trusting in God who is building a confessional, compassionate Church.

Voice 2:

Gracious God of Wholeness,

we confess that we have not trusted you with our entire heart.

We give you the scraps of our soul.

We render to you bits and pieces of our mind.

We surrender only a small segment of our strength to you, O source of All.

Voice 1:

This is not your will for us.

This is not faithful.

This is sinful.

This is broken.

Voice 2:

In your merciful wisdom

bless us with your forgiveness

that inspires us to amend our lives

and our love for You, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Assurance of Pardon

Voice 1:

Hear the good news!

God is making - crafting - building and rebuilding all things new, including us!

Voice 2:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Voice 1:

Trust and believe this good news of the gospel in all your affairs: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

All:

Thanks be to God!

Read by Shannon Vance Ocampo and Juan Vance Ocampo

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Sermon & Scripture

Acts 2

Sermon Response

The Serenity Prayer

Performed by Paul Vasile (voice and piano)

Words: Reinhold Niebuhr

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Invitation

Offertory

Enviado soy de Dios / Our God Now Sends Us Forth

Performed by Katie Simbala and Ernesto McKenzie

Words: José Aguiar, translated by Gerhard M. Cartford, English text Copyright ©1998

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Music: José Aguiar, arranged by Katie Simbala and Ernesto McKenzie

Charge & Benediction

Sending Song

Pastors: Mark Allio & Kathryn Johnston

Don't forget! You can listen to a sermon snippet by calling 717-896-0131. The message usually changes on Saturday morning.

YOUR GIFTS TO MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN MATTER NOW MORE THAN EVER! We are so thankful for your gifts to the church during this time when we cannot be together and yet our expenses continue. Your generosity in this time makes a big difference! You can give online at <https://bit.ly/mpc-online-giving> (or via the "Online Giving" tab on our website: www.mechpresby.org); or via a check made payable to Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church and mailed to 300 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

YOU CAN CALL IN TO HEAR WORSHIP AT 10AM on SUNDAY MORNINGS

Dial (toll free): 877-853-5247 or 888-788-0099

A voice will welcome you to Zoom and ask you to enter the meeting ID which is: 717-697-0351#

You should then be able to hear the worship service.

The line will be open on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45am.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUTDOOR WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 1pm!

- Please bring your own chairs (and maybe a blanket).
- Wear your masks at all times.
- Find an unoccupied "X" in the parking lot.
- Parking will be available on the Sanctuary-side of the lot and on the street.

NEWS & RESOURCES

We continue to worship together online! You can find our worship services beginning at 10am on Facebook (Facebook.com/mechpresby.org) and YouTube (search "Mech Presby" or www.youtube.com/channel/UCaJzmPxSUDpTvZAsCSNfcEg). You can then watch them any time you want! We also invite you to find the sermons and links on our website (mechpresby.org).

Watch our website (www.mechpresby.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/mechpresby.org) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/mechpresby) for updates and glimpses of our life together while apart.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN!!!

The church office is open 2-4pm, Monday thru Thursday. *Please wear your mask at all times!*

Join us for Tuesday Evening Prayer at 7:30pm this Lent on Zoom or Facebook Live:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86551663078?pwd=MHkwFFNR2o3QlErbmFsa1FMSzBoZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 5166 3078

Passcode: PRAYER

Or Dial toll free:

877 853 5247 US Toll-free

888 788 0099 US Toll-free

833 548 0276 US Toll-free

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