

Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 16, 2017 10:00 a.m.



God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin, and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.

Prelude

"Prélude sur le nom d'Alain" Op. 7/1

Maurice Duruflé

Hymn 811

*Introit

"Make Your Face to Shine" Choir sings first time All sing second time

At the sign * you may stand. <i>Hymn</i> indicates the red pew hymnal <i>Glory to God</i> .				
*Call to Worship Bold text is read or sung in unison.	Psalm 147			
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving: God prepares rain for the earth, God makes grass grow on the hills. We praise you, Lord of all Creation. Come, let us worship God!				
*Opening Hymn "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"	Hymn 299			
Prayer of Confession				
Jesus, our true vine, you command us to bear the fruit of your love in the world. We confess that we have heard your voice, but we have not obeyed. The cares of this world and the lure of wealth obscure your Kingdom from our sight. Forgive us when we plug our ears against the cries of our neighbor, and when we turn our gaze toward selfish pursuits. May your Holy Spirit clear away everything that chokes your Word, so that your steadfast love may take root and flourish in us. Amen.				
Assurance of Forgiveness				

Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song as we interpret and expound scripture.

Time with Children

Children, age two to rising grade two, may leave for Summer Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Teach us your ways, so that we may walk in your truth. Amen.

First Scripture Le	esson	Isaiah 55:10–13	pg 686	
Anthem	"Happy Are T	hey Who Walk in God's Wise V Psalm 1 (Thail	Vay" Thai melody land), tr. & para. Erik Routley	
Happy are they who walk in God's wise way; happy who shun the sinful choice; happy who find their pleasure in God's law; happy who heed God's righteous voice.				
Theirs is the life where duty and delight nourish each other blissfully; as when beside a broad and generous stream proudly stands ever green the tree.				
Fretful and anxious are the sinner's days, barren and lonely is their path; like wind on dust the judgment of the Lord scatters their pride in sudden wrath.				
Lord, in your mercy spare me, keep me still; let me not choose the sinner's way; promise and law you equally have given: let them be my delight today.				
Second Scripture	Lesson	Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23	pg 13	

Sermon	"Taking Root"	Andrew Scales
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We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table, lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

*Sermon Hymn "A Sower Came from Ancient Hills" Hymn 171 Choir sings verse 1, all sing verses 2–4

*Affirmation of Faith

Belhar Confession Sec. 10.5

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Offertory	"Send Out Thy Light"	M.A. Balakireff, music
·		Psalm 43:2, 6

Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me, O Lord, to thy holy hill. My soul shall trust in God the Lord; for I will yet give thanks to God, who is the help of my countenance and my God. Send out thy light, O send thy truth, that they may lead me, Lord, to thy dwelling place.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

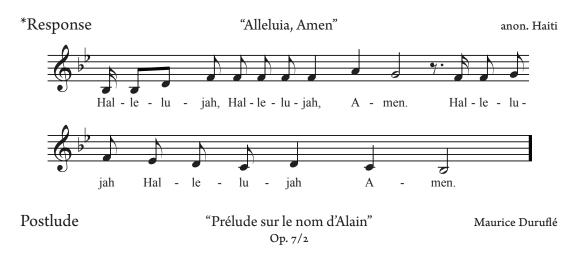
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer common text, hymnal pg 11; traditional, pg 35; Spanish, pg 40; Korean, pg 48



*Closing Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" Hymn 546

*Benediction



Preacher Andrew Scales

Liturgist Joyce MacKichan Walker

Time with Children Carol Wehrheim Musicians Summer Choir Noel Werner, director

Mark Loria, organist

Cover "Vine and Branches," a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JUL. 17

No scheduled events

TUESDAY, JUL. 18 No scheduled events

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 19

No scheduled events

THURSDAY, JUL. 20

10:00 AM *Al-Anon* Conference Room

7:30 PM Breaking Bread Summer Book Club Conference Room

FRIDAY, JUL. 21

7:00 AM Women's Early Morning Bible Study Contact Doodie Meyer (609-275-9647)

SATURDAY, JUL. 22

No scheduled events

SUNDAY, JUL. 23

9:00 AM Summer Choir Music Room

> 10:00 AM Worship Sanctuary

11:00 AM *Fellowship* Front Plaza

11:15 AM Adult Education Assembly Room

July 17 – 23

Today at Nassau

Summer Choir 9:00 AM Music Room

Worship 10:00 Am Sanctuary

Fellowship 11:00 Am *Front Plaza*

Adult Education 11:15 AM Assembly Room

Welcome to Nassau Church

Children. Children are always welcome in our services of worship.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Lower Level) during the service.

Summer Church School classes begin following "Time with Children." Children ages three to four attend class in Room 07 (Lower Level). Children rising kindergarten to grade two may go to a story and activity time in Room 04 (Lower Level).

Visit the website for more information about our September-to-May Church School program.

Order CDs of the service. Stop by the sound room.

Connect to our online community life. Visit nassauchurch.org for information and join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page and Twitter and Instagram feeds (@nassauchurch) for news, recaps of events, and snapshots of life at Nassau.

Connect to pastors or staff. Contact the office.

Online giving. See "Give Now" on the website or give via the Church Life app.

Accessibility. The church lot has reserved parking, and there are six reserved street spaces on Sundays. Ramp access to the building is from the parking lot. Ask an usher for an assistive hearing device, a largeprint bulletin or hymnal, an accessible pew, or a wheelchair. Ushers can also direct you to the elevator to access other floors.

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