



Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 3, 2017 10:00 a.m.



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Sonata II for Flute and Piano”
Pastorale

Philippe Gaubert

*Introit

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymn 288

At the sign * you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.

*Call to Worship

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth:

Sing the glory of God’s name!

Bless the Lord, who hears our prayers,

Whose steadfast love endures forever.

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Hymn 403

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, you are the Christ who redeems through weakness,
even through death on a cross!**

**We confess that we would rather be strong and powerful,
and that following you would make us masters of this world.**

Forgive us for our arrogance. Make us instead your humble servants.

For we know that when you call us, you bid us come and die,

and when we lose our lives for your sake, we find them again in you. 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.

*Response of Praise

“Know That God Is Good”

Hymn 659

First time in Shona, followed by English verses

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.

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God,
speak to us now by your Holy Spirit,
that in the preaching and hearing of your Word
we would know Christ and his benefits. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 56:1–5

pg 686

Psalm

Psalm 15: A Responsorial Setting

Psalter 15 C

pg 73

Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:21–28

pg 18

Sermon

“Following Jesus”

Andrew Scales



Thanksgiving

We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table,
lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

*Sermon Hymn

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

Hymn 718

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1 (4.001)

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Offertory

“All My Spirit Longs to Savor”

G. F. Handel

All my spirit longs to savor, dearest Friend, your grace and favor.

Oh, how deeply do I cherish this rich food; how well you nourish!

All my heart with hope is glowing for this cup of life o’erflowing.

All my flesh and blood, delighted, is by God with God united.

Jesu, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,

peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:

humbly now, I bow before you, Love incarnate, I adore you;

worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to the table. Pass the tray to your neighbor, who will hold it for you as you receive the bread and grape juice. Cups on the bread tray hold gluten-free bread.

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

“Sonata in B-flat Major”

Affettuoso

J.J. Quantz

Sharing of the Cup

“Sonata in A Major”

Alla Siciliana

J.J. Quantz

Concluding Prayer



Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with
God's blessing to lives of service and love.

*Closing Hymn

“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”

Hymn 536

*Benediction

*Response

“Go with Us, Lord”

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and
 ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it
 strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

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Postlude

“Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major”

J. S. Bach

The Week Ahead

September 4 – 10

MONDAY, SEP. 4

Office closed — Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEP. 5

7:30 PM

Adult Education Committee

Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 6

7:30 PM

Adult Choir

Music Room

THURSDAY, SEP. 7

7:00 PM

New Deacon Training

Conference Room

FRIDAY, SEP. 8

No scheduled events

SATURDAY, SEP. 9

No scheduled events

SUNDAY, SEP. 10

9:15 AM

Education for All Ages

Assembly Room & classrooms

9:15 AM

Worship - Teacher

Commissioning

Sanctuary

10:15 AM

Fellowship

Assembly Room

11:00 AM

Worship - Ordination &

Installation of Elders

Sanctuary

11:15 AM

Worship Explorers

Room 302

12:15 PM

New Deacon Training

Conference Room

Preacher

Andrew Scales

Liturgist

Joyce MacKichan Walker

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

Musicians

Summer Choir

Noel Werner, director and organist

Kim Kleasen, flute

Michael Cooney, cello

Cover

“Cross and Chalice,” a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

Today at Nassau

Summer Choir
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

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 large-print 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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