



Nassau Presbyterian Church

March 4, 2018 9:15 and 11:00 AM *Lent III*



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

Emma Lou Diemer

♦ Introit

“Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace”

Hymn 425

Choir – Verse 1

Congregation – Verses 2 and 3

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

♦ Call to Worship

Luke 8 : 39; John 12 : 26

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Come, all of you, into the presence of the Lord

where the Word of God speaks peace

to those who listen to what Jesus says.

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

for where he is, we would be also.

Let us worship the God who speaks peace.

♦ Opening Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Hymn 215

Prayer of Confession

Holy One,

**we confess that we are half-hearted followers
of your full-hearted son.**

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

We commit to things that will never last.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us.

In your persistent Word,

in our buried longing for life,

in each wild and broken place,

wash us clean, remind us whose we are,

and give us your work to do.

Silent Prayer

Response

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!". Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em for the first line; Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third line.

Text: trad. liturgical, rev. *The Worshipbook*, 1970; Music: Appalachian folk melody, arr. Richard D. Wetzel, 1972; reprinted for convenience from *Glory to God* © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

Assurance of Forgiveness

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
This gift we have from God.
Thanks be to God.

Words of Welcome

I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I walked along.
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, growing tall and strong.
“How do you grow so tall and strong?” I said to the riverside tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

I’ve got roots growing down to the water,
I’ve got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
and the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sundown,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven.
I’m becoming what God of All has meant me to be: a strong young tree.

I saw a tree in the wintertime when snow lay on the ground,
straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, and winter winds blew all around.
“How do you stay so tall and strong?” I said to the wintertime tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

I saw a tree in the city streets where buildings blocked the sun,
Green and lovely, I could see it gave joy to everyone.
“How do you grow in the city streets?” I said to the downtown tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.



Proclaiming the Word

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

Time with Children 9:15

Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

Reception of New Members 11:00

Children pre-kindergarten or age four to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers in Room 302.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 19

Psalter

pg 95

Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter *Psalms for All Seasons*.

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 10 : 38–42

pg 72

Sermon

“When Jesus Stays for Dinner”

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

“O for a Closer Walk with God”

Hymn 739

♦ Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith (PCUS 1977, PCUSA 1985)

Jesus was what we should be.

He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience.

He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.

In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,

**Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God
with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.**

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.

He exposes our failure to live as he lived.

He demonstrates the new humanity

God promises to give us through him.

Offertory

“Into a Quietness”

Christianne Bessières Lane, music

Ted Loder, text

Now, O Lord,
calm me into a quietness
that heals and listens,
and molds my longings and passions,
my wounds and wonderings
into a more holy and human shape.

♦ 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

The Lord's Prayer is recited in the language closest to your heart. The common English text may be found in the hymnal on pg 11, the traditional, pg 35; Spanish, pg 40; and Korean, pg 45.



Sending

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

♦ Closing Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us”

Hymn 720

♦ Benediction

♦ Choral Response

“Sevenfold Amen”

John Stainer

Postlude

“The Heavens Are Telling”

Benedetto Marcello

MUSIC NOTE: PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The music played during the danced prayer of illumination is a portion of the piece “Spiegel im Spiegel” (Mirror in the Mirror) by Estonian composer Arvo Pärt. The repetitions of the broken chords on the piano and the continually ascending and descending scales in the violin are meant to evoke the interplay of images caught between two mirrors, seemingly infinitely reflected.

Preacher
David A. Davis

Liturgists
Lauren J. McFeaters
Jonathan Shenk

Time with Children
Corrie Berg

Dancers
Meagan Woods,
Artist in Residence
Shawn Brush

Musicians
Choir 345 (9:15)
Ingrid Ladendorf, Director
Andre Soumeillant, guitar
Adult Choir
Noel Werner, director
Michael Ryan, student organist
Nancy Wilson, violin

Flowers
The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of
God and in loving memory
of Carole Messersmith and
those people before her who
helped make her the person
she was, by her husband Jim
Messersmith and family.

Cover
“Tree of Life,” a linocut by
Elizabeth Steele Halstead

The Week Ahead

March 4 – 11

Lenten Small Groups take place throughout the week. See *My Nassau* or the web calendar for the schedule.

Monday, Mar. 5

No scheduled events

Tuesday, Mar. 6

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel
- 10:30 AM *Staff Meetings*
Conference Room
- 1:00 PM *Grace Note Singers*
Kingston Presbyterian Church
- 7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*
Conference Room

Wednesday, Mar. 7

- 4:00 PM *Homework Hangout*
Assembly Room
- 4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room
- 4:15 PM *Immigration Task Force Sanctuary Discussion*
Conference Room
- 4:15 PM *Joyful Noise Choir*
Niles Chapel
- 5:15 PM *Choir 345*
Music Room
- 5:15 PM *Choir Family Co-op Dinner*
Assembly Room
- 5:15 PM *Immigration Task Force Sanctuary Discussion*
Conference Room
- 7:00 PM *Louise Penny Book Group*
Conference Room
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Mar. 8

- 9:00 AM *Thursday Yoga*
Room 301
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room
- 5:00 PM *Nassau Ringers I*
Room 202
- 6:00 PM *Nassau Ringers II*
Room 202
- 7:00 PM *Youth Ministry Committee*
Room 304
- 7:15 PM *Finance Committee*
Davis Study

Friday, Mar. 9

- 7:00 AM *Women's Early Morning Bible Study*
Contact Doodie Meyer
(609-275-9647)
- 7:30 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Assembly Room

Saturday, Mar. 10

- 10:00 AM *Confirmation Retreat #2*
Room 304

Sunday, Mar. 11

- Daylight Savings Time begins
- 9:15 AM *Education for all ages*
Assembly Room & classrooms
- 9:15 AM *First Corinthians Class with George Hunsinger*
Maclean House

- 9:15 AM *Lapsley Small Group*
Room 202
- 9:15 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room
- 10:15 AM *Immigration Task Force Sanctuary Discussion*
Niles Chapel
- 11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302
- 12:15 PM *Mass Incarceration Task Force*
Conference Room
- 2:00 PM *Interfaith Stitches*
Assembly Room
- 5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room
- 5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*
Room 304
- 6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Dinner*
Assembly Room
- 6:40 PM *Middle School Choir*
Music Room
- 6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*
Room 304
- 7:00 PM *Breaking Bread Music Rehearsal*
Niles Chapel
- 8:00 PM *Breaking Bread*
Niles Chapel
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Today at Nassau

Education for all ages

9:15 AM *Assembly Room & classrooms*

First Corinthians Class
with George Hunsinger

9:15 AM *Maclean House*

Lapsley Small Group

9:15 AM *Room 202*

Sunday morning drop-in group.

For other small groups, see web calendar.

Worship

9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship

10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship

11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers

11:15 AM *Room 302*

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

12:30 PM *Assembly Room*

Cantorei

5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship

5:00 PM *Room 304*

Youth Fellowship Dinner

6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Middle School Choir

6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship

6:40 PM *Room 304*

Breaking Bread Music Rehearsal

7:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

Breaking Bread

8:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

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), 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Church School takes place during the 9:15 AM service. Classes for age 2 and grades 6 to 12 begin at 9:15 AM. Preschoolers to grade 5 participate in the first part of the service and are then dismissed to their classes. All classes conclude at 10:30 AM.

Worship Explorers is a child-focused alternative worship setting during 11:00 AM worship for children age 4 to grade 3. Children attend the first part of the service and are then dismissed to Room 302 (Third Floor).

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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