

Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 13, 2018 9:15 and 11:00 AM



Prelude

American Spirituals Medley

Jerry Nowak

• Introit

"Come into God's Presence"

anonymous

At the sign • you may stand.



• Call to Worship

John 14:25-27

• Opening Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Hymn 662

Hymn indicates the red pew hymnal Glory to God.

## Prayer of Confession

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

O God of life and breath, your Spirit calls to us, but often we are reluctant to act.

The wind of the Spirit blows and draws us ahead, yet we want to hang onto what is familiar and safe. Give us courage to yield ourselves to your Spirit, for you are sovereign and at work in the world. Help us let go of what does not nurture us, for you are the source of life.

Forgive us, and remind us as we struggle in our failures and disappointments, we struggle in the palm of your hand. 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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymn 475

Come, thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Words of Welcome



# **Proclaiming the Word**

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

### Time for Teachers

11:00 Children pre-kindergarten or age four to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers in Room 302.

Anthem 9:15

"Hambani Kahle"

traditional Zulu

Go well, and peace be with you

Come and sing together, Hambani Kahle Let us gather and praise the Lord, Hambani Kahle Thank you God, for our teachers, Hambani Kahle Thank you God for our families, Hambani Kahle

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

## Prayer for Illumination

For the gospel of Christ and the witness of the apostles, we bless you, O glorious God.

Grant to us the Spirit of your glory and the brightness of your presence that we might hear your Word and understand. Amen. First Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 12:1-2, 12-13

pg 226

Anthem

"My Eyes for Beauty Pine"

Herbert Howells, music Robert Bridges, text

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis naméd when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart that burns with true desire is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Second Scripture Lesson

Psalm 1

pg 489

Sermon "But Sometimes"

David A. Davis



# **Thanksgiving**

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

Sermon Hymn

"Trees"

Psalter, pg 2

Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on thee.

The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

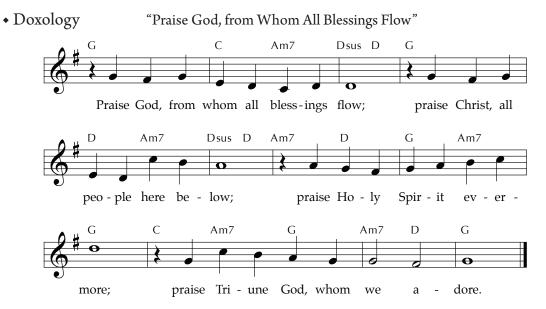
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

God is light, and in God is no darkness at all.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forevermore.

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on thee.



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## 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.

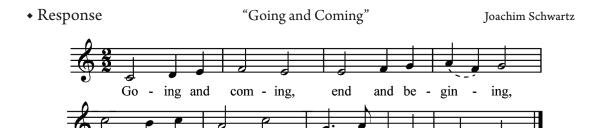


• Closing Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Hymn 610

Benediction



Postlude

Al - ways be - side

Duet for Organ Allegro

firm - ly in your

Samuel Wesley

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Andrew Scales (9:15)

Len Scales (9:15)

Lauren J. McFeaters (11:00)

Jason Sterlacci (11:00)

Time for Teachers

Corrie Berg

Cover

"Sun of Righteousness," a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead. Musicians

PPQ Ensemble

us,

Kim Kleasen, flute

Je Oh, oboe

Carol Fagundus, clarinet

Trish Davis, French horn

Michael Cooney, cello

Joyful Noise (9:15)

Emily Vite, director

Carol Choir (9:15)

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Michael Ryan, student organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. Russell W. Annich and Elizabeth J. Annich by their children Russell W. Annich, Jr., Janet A. Winther, and Rev. Lois

hand, Lord.

H. Annich.

Chancel Artwork

Holy Week tapestries by Armando Sosa, our 2016–2017 artist-in-residence, red warp, in cotton and silk, 26 by 60".

## The Week Ahead

## Monday, May 14

12:30 PM Membership Committee Room 301

1:00 PM Nassau Stitchers

Conference Room

2:00 PM Ruth Brungraber Memorial Service

Niles Chapel

### Tuesday, May 15

9:30 AM Staff Devotions Niles Chapel

10:30 AM Staff Meetings Conference Room

# Wednesday, May 16

11:00 AM Choir Parents Meeting Conference Room

4:30 PM Chancel Drama Auditions

Music Room

7:30 PM Adult Choir

Music Room; Sanctuary; Niles

Chapel

8:30 PM Adult Choir Fellowship

Music Room Foyer

### Thursday, May 17

9:00 AM Walk Talk Pray Meet on Front Steps, end in Room 304

10:00 AM Al-Anon

Conference Room; Library

12:15 PM Westminster Conservatory

Recital Niles Chapel

5:00 PM Bell Choir Potluck

Room 301

5:30 PM Combined Nassau Ringers

Sanctuary

7:00 PM Session - Meet with

*Confirmands* Assembly Room

### Friday, May 18

7:00 AM Women's Early Morning

Bible Study Contact Doodie Meyer (609-275-9647)

7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Assembly Room

### Saturday, May 19

No scheduled events

### May 14 - 20

### Sunday, May 20

10:00 AM Worship - Confirmation

Sanctuary

11:00 AM Fellowship Front Plaza

11:15 AM Nassau Book Group

Room 202

11:30 AM Chancel Drama Auditions

Music Room

11:30 AM Confirmation Brunch

Assembly Room

1:00 PM Adult Choir Picnic

Werner Home

#### Music Note

The hymn-writer Charles Wesley, one of the founders of Methodism, is the author of our opening and closing hymns. Charles' son Samuel is the composer of our postlude. Samuel was a prolific composer and performer and was nicknamed the "English Mozart." He was Roman Catholic. Samuel's son Samuel Sebastian was an Anglican, and he also composed many anthems and responses for the church, our offertory being one of his most famous. Thus, three generations of the Wesley family are represented in our service today.

### **Today at Nassau**

Education for all ages
9:15 AM Assembly Room & classrooms

Worship - Blanket Sunday 9:15 AM Sanctuary

Fellowship
10:15 AM Assembly Room

Worship - Blanket Sunday & Teacher Appreciation

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM Room 302

Cantorei
5:30 PM Music Room

High School Senior Send-Off 6:00 PM Assembly Room

Breaking Bread Music Rehearsal
7:00 PM Niles Chapel

Breaking Bread 8:00 PM Niles Chapel

# *Tending the Flock*

Death—Elizabeth Buttenheim, wife of Edgar, in Avon, Connecticut.

Edgar's address:

Edgar Buttenheim River Ridge at Avon 101 Bickford Ext. #113 Avon, CT 06001

Memorial service—

A memorial service for Fraser Lewis will be held on Sunday, June 3, at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

## 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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