

ONCE *upon a*
parable

Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 19, 2018 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Holy Manna”

Jan Sanborn

♦ Call to Worship

“Come,” says the Lord. “All who are thirsty, come to the waters.”

“Come. Here there is bread and wine for your soul.”

“Come,” says the Lord. “Come be my people, for I am your God.”

We are your people. You are our God.

Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord!

Come, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

“I Danced in the Morning”

Hymn 157

Prayer of Confession

**Our Lord, you offer us the gifts of wise choices and healthy relationships,
but we turn our backs on you and judge others without mercy.**

**You offer us light in the darkness, and hope when we need courage,
but we are careless and distrustful.**

Forgive us, and teach us to follow you every day of our lives.

We love you, Lord, and we need your help.

We ask your forgiveness in all these things.

We pray in Jesus’ name. 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

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Hymn 698

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Mark 4 : 1-9

pg 38

Chancel Drama

Once Upon a Parable

Tom S. Long, libretto
Allen Pote, music

We Gotta Lotta Stories
Build on the Rock
Samaritan Song
Grow in Me
Get What You Deserve
Homecoming
Entrance into Jerusalem
Parable of the Vineyard
Resurrection
We Gotta Lotta Stories Reprise



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8 : 31, 35, 37-39

**What then are we to say about these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Offertory

“What Is the World Like”
Soloists sing verses 1 & 3
Congregation sings verses 2, 4 & 5

Hymn 771

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.

◆ Benediction

◆ Response

“Siyahamba”

Hymn 853

Siyahamb’ekukhanyen’ kwenkhos.’

We are marching in the light of God.

Once Upon a Parable Ensemble

Elena Barreto	Camille Scordis
Nico Barreto	Kristina Shumsky
Rachel Berliner	Isaac Stucky
Sarah Berliner	Jenna Stucky
Josie Brothers	Ua Stucky
Henry DeCheser	Cassie Updegraff
Asa Fleischer-Graham	Hannah Updegraff
Linus Fleischer-Graham	Nathaniel Updegraff
Julia Hill	Charlotte Valvanis
Avery Morgan	Emily Werner
Dean Morgan	Sophie Werner

Adult & Youth Leadership

Stage Director: Heather Riehl
Assistant Director: Emily Yeh
Choreographer: Camille Ladendorf
Stage Manager: Yamir Chapman
Set, Costumes, Props: Shayla Swain
Music Director: Ingrid Ladendorf
Accompanist: Noel Werner
Percussion: Liam Dunn
Office & Logistics: Lauren Yeh
Sound Engineers: Nick Mastalesz, Tom Seeland
Bible Study: Rev. Wendi Werner
Mission Project Coordinator: Jessica Updegraff
Parent Support: Karen Berliner, Kristina Hill, Frances Katrishen,
Janel Stucky, Lauren Valvanis, Jessica Updegraff, Steve Updegraff

Chancel Drama
Once Upon a Parable

Liturgist
Lauren J. McFeaters

The Week Ahead

August 20 – August 26

Monday, Aug. 20

11:00 AM *Memorial Service for Mark Donaldson*
Sanctuary

Tuesday, Aug. 21

7:00 PM *New Officer Training: Deacons*
Conference Room

Wednesday, Aug. 22

No scheduled events.

Thursday, Aug. 23

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room, Library

Friday, Aug. 24

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

Saturday, Aug. 25

No scheduled events.

Sunday, Aug. 26

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

11:30 AM *Church School Teacher Orientation*
Room 302, Room 303

TODAY AT NASSAU

Worship – Chancel Drama
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Adult Education
11:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Tending the Flock

Death—Charles Erdman III, brother of Peter on August 1, in Sacramento, California.

Death—Alexander Charters, father of David, father-in-law of Mary Beth, and grandfather of Kristen and Megan on August 8 in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

Death—Mark Donaldson, son of Marilyn and Jerry on August 14 in Burlington, New Jersey. Memorial Service on August 20 at 11:00 AM, Nassau Presbyterian Church.

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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