



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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September 20, 2020 11:00 AM



## Gathering

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

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Prelude

Prelude in D Major (BWV 532)

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Psalm 96 : 1-4a

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;  
tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare the Lord's glory among the nations,  
the Lord's marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Opening Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Red Hymnal 65

*Music for hymns can be found at the end of the Order of Worship*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.  
In your loving kindness, O God, have mercy upon us.  
In your great compassion, and through Jesus Christ,  
forgive us, redeem us, renew 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

Time With Children

Abram and Sarai

Genesis 12 : 1–8

Anthem

God Is So Good/Know That God Is Good  
Virtual Choir

arr. Sue Ellen Page  
& Mark Loria



## Proclaiming the Word

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

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Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 20 : 1–16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Sermon

When The Grumblers Are Too Loud

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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

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Affirmation of Call & Prayers of the People

Gesture of Thanks

Anne Kuhn

Call for Offering

Words of Gratitude

Anthem

Total Praise  
Virtual Choir

Richard Smallwood  
arr. Carol Cymbala



## Sending

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

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Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare in B Flat

G. F. Handel

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Musicians

Noel Werner, soloist

Michael Ryan, organist

Nassau Church Virtual Choir

Ingrid Ladendorf &

Noel Werner, directors

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death—Hugh Kleason, father of Kim Kleason and father-in-law of Glenn Thomas, on September 16, 2020 in Ohio.

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# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

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