



Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2020 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Blessed Jesus We Are Here

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:5-9

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on the holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
the Lord is highly exalted.

Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Red Hymnal 268

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

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. 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

Jacob Sees the Face of God

Genesis 32 : 1–33 : 15



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,
and prepare our hearts to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

I Samuel 2 : 1-10

Hannah prayed and said,
“My heart exalts in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.
There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by God actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
the Lord brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
the Lord brings low, he also exalts.
The Lord raises up the poor from the dust;
the Lord lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them God has set the world.
The Lord will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! The Lord's adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
the Lord will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed."

Second Scripture Lesson Philippians 2 : 1–13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence,
but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trem-
bling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for
God's good pleasure.

Sermon

Singing the Hymn in Your Heart

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Red Hymnal 727

Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-21

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

Call for Offering

Offertory

Be Thou Still

Johann Franck

*Be thou still, and learn of God.
God will guide thy daily living, when in faithfulness ye go.
Therefore daily thanks be giving. God will all thy hopes fulfill.
Be thou still. In this quiet learn of God's will.
Be thou still, though dark thy way.
Soon the light of love will brighten, as in peace ye dwell each day.
Soon the weight of sin will lighten. Seek to do thy Maker's will.
Be thou still. In this quiet learn of God's will.*

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer



Sending

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

Benediction

Postlude

“Little” Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

Preacher
David A. Davis

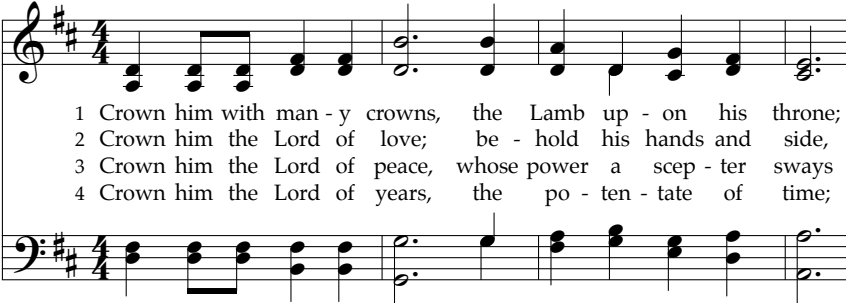
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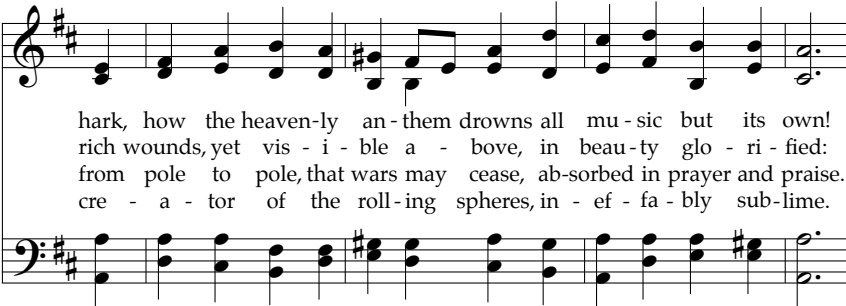
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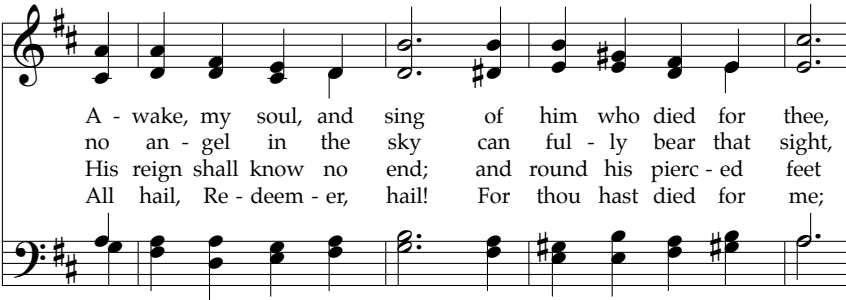
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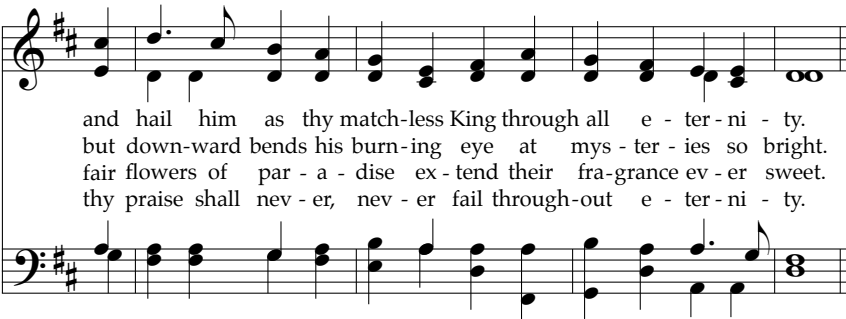
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you shall
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Nassau Presbyterian Church

The Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on October 4, 2020 following livestream worship. A Zoom link for the meeting will be included with the "Sunday Morning Worship Links" email sent that Sunday morning. This meeting is for the purpose of receiving the year-end financial report.

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