



Nassau Presbyterian Church

October 11, 2020 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Berceuse (Op. 31 No. 19)

Louis Vierne

Call to Worship

Psalm 19 : 1-4, 14

The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.
Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to
you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.
Come, people of God, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Red Hymnal 804

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

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
In your tender love, have mercy on us. Forgive us.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Love God, Love Others

Deut. 6 : 1-9;
Lev. 19 : 1-2, 9-18



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Phillippians 4 : 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

A Prayer for the Traveler

Lauren J. McFeaters



Thanksgiving

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

Hymn

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Red Hymnal 737

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.**

**We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.**

**We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.**

**We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.**

Thanks be to God.

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing

music: John Leavitt
text: Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;
and day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it:
the peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain every springing;
all things are mine since I am his. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comfort die, the Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round, songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing!

Doxology

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

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

Carillon

Malcom Archer

Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgist

Corrie Berg

Musicians

George Somerville, soloist

Noel Werner, organist

Cover Art

“Cross of Wood,” a linocut by
Elizabeth Steele Halstead.

Tending the Flock

Death—Marcus A. McKnight, Jr., father of Marshall
McKnight, on October 6, 2020 in Gettysburg,
Pennsylvania.

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter

1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

I'll tell ev - ery - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - ily you saved by your love,

Originally created in French, this text reflects the ministry of a Roman Catholic religious community, the Little Sisters of Jesus, who work with people on the margins of society. This hymn is also beloved by the Ark (*L'Arche*) communities who minister to adults with disabilities.

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Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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