



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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October 18, 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 and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Ephesians 2 : 19–22

**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In Christ the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.**

Come, people of God, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Red Hymnal 32

*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



## Proclaiming the Word

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

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### 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

James 1:19–27

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### Second Scripture Lesson

Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind  
to see if there are any who are wise,  
who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;  
there is no one who does good,  
no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.  
You would confound the plans of the poor,  
but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Sermon

Fools and the Refuge of God

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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

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Hymn

In Silence My Soul Thirsts

Red Hymnal 790

Affirmation of Faith

Rom. 8 : 1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are 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. Amen.**

Offertory

My God, How Endless Is Thy Love

music: Gordon Young

text: Isaac Watts

My God, how endless is Thy love! Thy gifts are every evening new;  
And morning mercies from above gently distill like early dew.

Thou spread'st the curtains of the night, great guardian of my sleeping hours;  
Thy sovereign Word restores the light and quickens all my waking powers.

I yield my powers to Thy command, to Thee I consecrate my days;  
Perpetual blessings from Thy hand demand perpetual songs of praise.

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.

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Benediction

Postlude

Pedal Vivace in G minor, BWV 598

J. S. Bach

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Musicians

Steve Updegraff, soloist

Michael Ryan, organist

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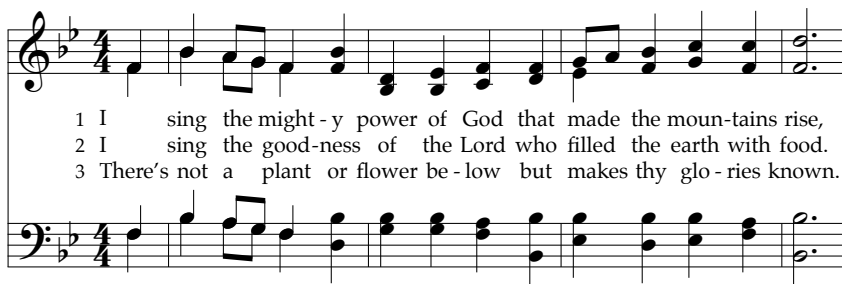
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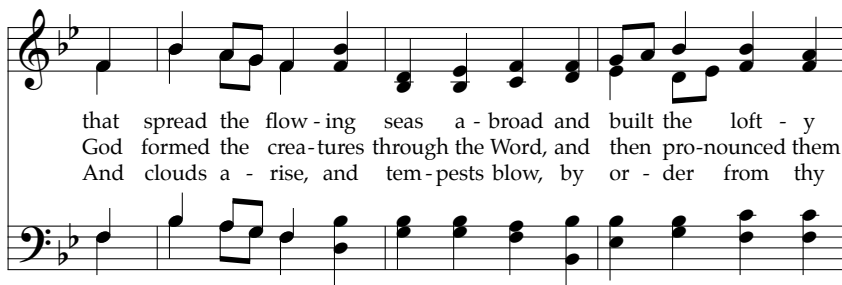
Time with Children

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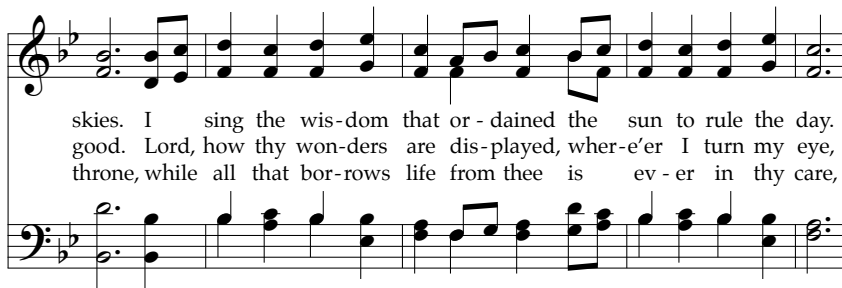
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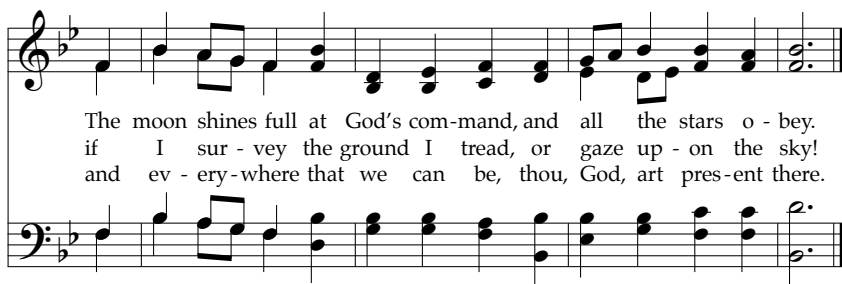
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

# In Silence My Soul Thirsts 790

(Psalm 62)

Capo 3: (D) (Em7) (A) (D)  
 F Gm7 C F

1 In si - lence my soul thirsts for God; for  
 2 In still - ness I pour out my fears; the  
 3 In qui - et - ness my Lord con - ferred two

(G) (A7) (D) (Em7) (A7) (Bm) (Em)  
 B<sup>b</sup> C7 F Gm7 C7 Dm Gm

God a - lone I wait. My en - e - mies may  
 sol - i - tude builds trust. My ref - uge rests in  
 truths I now de - clare: no great - er love than

(F#7) (Bm) (Em) (A) (Dsus) D (G)  
 A7 Dm Gm C Fsus F B<sup>b</sup>

chase me down; love shields me from their hate.  
 God's great grace. My anx - ious thoughts are hushed.  
 God's is known; no pow - er can com - pare.

*Refrain* (D) (Em7) (A) (D) (G)  
 F Gm7 C F B<sup>b</sup>

God is my rock; God is my strength; God is

(D) (Em) (D) (A7) (D) (Em)  
 F Gm F C7 F Gm

my sal - va - tion, my ref - uge, my a -

(A) (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7) (D)  
 C F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7 F

bid - ing peace. I shall not be shak - en.

Psalm 62 is usually described as a song of confidence or trust, and that emphasis is made especially clear by the recurring refrain of this paraphrase. Its affirmations also serve as a testimony intended to lead others to make the same commitment to rely on God's steadfast love.

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## *Tending the Flock*

Deaths—

Richard Best, grandfather of Marissa Chalker, on  
October 12, 2020 in Rochester, New York.

Dr. Russell L. Anderson, Jr., father of Roz Anderson  
Flood, on October 14, 2020 in Florida.

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