



Nassau Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2020 11:00 AM

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



Gathering

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

Prelude

Andante Tranquillo, Op. 101 No. IV

Charles V. Stanford

Call to Worship

John 1:1-5, 8:12 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

Opening Hymn

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Taizé

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

The Sacrament of Baptism



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Mark 4 : 26–29

(NRSV)

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Second Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103

Book of Common Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God’s benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.
O Lord, you provide vindication

and justice for all who are oppressed.
You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.
For you know well how we are formed;
you remember that we are but dust.
As for mortals, their days are like the grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
when the wind passes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.
But your steadfast love, O Lord,
is forever with those who fear you,
and your righteousness is for the children's children;
for those who keep your covenant
and remember to do your commandments.
The Lord's throne is established in heaven;
God's dominion rules over all.
Bless the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones
who do God's bidding,
who obey the voice of God's word.
Bless the Lord, all you hosts of God,
you servants who do God's will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of God,
in all places where God rules;
bless the Lord, O my soul.



Thanksgiving

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

Duet

Let Us With A Gladsome Mind

music: Eelco Vos
text: John Milton

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory

Praise Ye the Lord

Red Hymnal 633

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Defend, O Lord, these your servants
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours forever,
and grow each day in your Holy Spirit,
until they come to your kingdom. Amen.



Benediction

Postlude

Andante Maestoso, Op. 101 No. V

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Musicians

Virtual Youth & Children's
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