



Nassau Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2020 11:00 AM
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Gathering

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

Prelude

Lied (Op. 31 No.17)

Louis Vierne

Call to Worship

Psalm 116, 95

What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

Opening Hymn

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Red Hymnal 624

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

Miriam Rejoices

Exodus 15 : 20–21



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

**God of abundant life,
your grace is our daily bread.
Nourish us by your Word
and fill us with your Spirit
so that we may grow in faith and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3 : 4b-16

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.



Thanksgiving

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

Offertory

The Call

(from Five Mystical Songs)

music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

text: George Herbert

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as Joys in love.

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.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Concluding Prayer



Sending

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

Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Red Hymnal 526

Benediction

Postlude

Dialogue

Gilbert M. Martin

Preacher
David A. Davis

Liturgist
Len Scales

Time With Children
Carol Wehrheim

Musicians
Elem Eley, soloist
Noel Werner, organist

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“The Lord’s Supper,” a
watercolor by Sarah Finbow.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;
and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩ :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Nassau Presbyterian Church

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

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