



Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2021 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Prelude on "Aurelia"

John G. Barr

Call to Worship

Psalm 139: 7-12

**Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Red Hymnal 361

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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 Jesus is baptized & begins his ministry

Mark 1 : 1–20



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25 : 31–46

NRSV

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Second Scripture Lesson

Job 6 : 24

NRSV

Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone wrong.

Sermon

God's Esperanza Work

Joanne Rodriguez



Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Hymn

Live into Hope

Red Hymnal 772

Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967 (9.54, 9.55)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Offertory

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin
& Louie Giglio
arr. Joel Raney

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

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My God, my Savior has ransomed me
and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Red Hymnal 608

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

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

Response Siyahamba trad. South African

Postlude Allegro Maestoso Flor Peeters

Preacher

Joanne Rodriguez

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Tending the Flock

Death— Helen Shank, mother of John Shock, mother-in-law of Marie Shock, on January 2, 2021, in Lititz, Pennsylvania

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