



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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March 21, 2021 11:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Most Beautiful Lord Jesus

Hermann Schroeder

Call to Worship

Psalm 78

People of God, open your ears!

**Come and celebrate the story of our God.**

Come and celebrate the story of compassion and mercy,  
of redemption and love;

**a story passed down from generation to generation,**

so that God's people never forget

**the wonderful things our God has done!**

Let's praise God together.

**Let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

Red Hymnal 215

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,**

**you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride,**

**for we see ourselves innocent when we are complicit,  
and able to go it alone when we need each other.**

**We have spurned love,**

**neglected justice,**

**and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence*

Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Verses 1 & 2

Red Hymnal 223

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 53 : 4-5 (CEB)

It was certainly our sickness that he carried,  
and our sufferings that he bore,  
but we thought him afflicted,  
struck down by God and tormented.  
He was pierced because of our rebellions  
and crushed because of our crimes.  
He bore the punishment that made us whole;  
by his wounds we are healed.  
Behold, children of God!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Peter's Denial

Mark 14 : 26-31, 66-72



## 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.**

First Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 31 : 31-34

NRSV

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made

with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Second Scripture Lesson

John 17 : 6–26

NRSV

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved

me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”



## Thanksgiving

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

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Sermon

In The World

David A. Davis

Sermon Hymn

Hope of the World

Red Hymnal 734

Affirmation of Faith

from Romans 8

**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.**

Moment for Mission

Offertory

En Prière  
(In Prayer)  
(sung in French)

music Gabriel Fauré  
text Stéphan Bordèse



# Sending

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

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Doxology

Lord of All Good  
Verse 3

Red Hymnal 711

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in E Minor, BWV 533

J. S. Bach

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Connie and John Thurber

Len Scales

Chris Renshaw

Time with Children

Michael Morgan

Musicians

Steve Updegraff, soloist

Michael Ryan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Shana Lindsay-Morgan

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death—Nancy Mynott Davis, wife of Richard Davis, on  
February 16, 2021, in Princeton, New Jersey

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