



Nassau Presbyterian Church

March 7, 2021 11:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Gathering

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

Prelude

Prelude in B minor, Op. 18

César Franck

Call to Worship

Psalm 27

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!

Be our guide and our light!

One thing we ask of God:

That we may live in God's house all the days of our life,

And never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Red Hymnal 618

Verses 1, 3, 4, 5

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

Ah, Holy Jesus
Verse 4

Red Hymnal 218

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

Jesus Feeds the Disciples

Mark 14: 12–25



Proclaiming the Word

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

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

I Corinthians 1: 18–25

NRSV

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 15 : 26 – 16 : 11

NRSV

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

Sermon

Advantage????

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Hymn

Womb of Life and Source of Being

Red Hymnal 3
(sung to the tune BEACH SPRING)

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.**

Offertory

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis
John 14 : 15-17



Sending

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

Doxology

Lord of All Good
Verse 3

Red Hymnal 711

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Maestoso

Hermann Schroeder

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Lynn & Tom Charles

Lauren J. McFeaters

Tyler McQuilkin

Time with Children

Nancy Lammers Gross

Musicians

Robert Lamb, bell tree

Michael Ryan, organist

Maria Palombo, Marissa

Chalker, Steve Updegraff, Elem

Eley, soloists

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Nick Mastalesz

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There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday
March 14, 2021 after the 11:00 a.m. livestream
worship held via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be
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