



Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 16, 2021 11:00 AM

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! Amen.

Response of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

Red Hymnal 14

Verse 5

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

We live in gratitude

Mark 12 : 41-44



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

Psalm 37 : 1-11

NRSV

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.
Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord,
and the Lord will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in the Lord, and the Lord will act.
The Lord will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for the Lord;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.
Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 16 : 11–15

NRSV

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Sermon

Down by the River to Pray

Lauren J. McFeaters



Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Hymn

Let Us Build a House

Red Hymnal 301

verses 1, 2, 4, 5

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2 : 5–11

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,**

**but emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God!**

Offertory Down in the River to Pray Traditional Folk Hymn
Arr. Cheryl Lynn Helm

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow music Red Hymnal 609
text Red Hymnal 606



Sending

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

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Response Now I Walk in Beauty music Gregg Smith
text Navajo prayer

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God G. F. Kauffmann

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Time with Children
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organist

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Tending the Flock

Deaths—

Marjorie Weaver on May 5, 2021 in Hellertown,
Pennsylvania

Richard “Dick” Katen, husband of Jeanne, father of B. J.
Katen-Narvell, father-in-law of Bill Katen-Narvell,
grandfather of Victoria, Alexandria, and Elizabeth on
May 10, 2021 in Princeton, New Jersey

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