



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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May 23, 2021 11:00 AM

PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543

J. S. Bach

♦ Introit

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 104 : 31-33

At the sign ♦ you may stand. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

**May the Lord rejoice in the Lord's works—**

who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being**

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Red Hymnal 475

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**in your gracious presence**

**we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace,**

**we are a people divided against ourselves**

**as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue**

**lay waste the land and pollute the seas.**

**The fears and jealousies that we harbor**

**set neighbor against neighbor**

**and nation against nation.**

**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,**

**of intellect and reason,**

**and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;**

**heal and forgive us.**

**Set us free to serve you in the world**

**as agents of your grace. 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.**

◆ Response of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn 2  
verse 3

### Words of Welcome



## Proclaiming the Word

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

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Time with Children

Pentecost

Acts 2 : 1-41

### Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 104 : 1-9, 24-30

BCW

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot,  
you ride on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers,  
fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it shall never be shaken.  
You cover it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.  
At your rebuke they flee;  
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.  
They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys  
to the place that you appointed for them.  
You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
so that they might not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.  
There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

## Second Scripture Lesson

Romans 8 : 1, 26–35

NRSV

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.  
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are

called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Sermon

All Things

Mark Edwards



## Thanksgiving

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

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♦ Sermon Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart

Red Hymnal 692

♦ Affirmation of Faith

from Colossians 1

**He has rescued us from the power of darkness  
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.  
Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;  
for in him all things in heaven and on the earth were created,  
things visible and invisible, whether thrones  
or dominions or rulers or powers –  
all things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Offertory

Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit

African American Spiritual  
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

## Act of Confirmation

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours forever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more,  
until they each come into your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Loving God who is in heaven  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on Earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil,  
for yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**



## **Sending**

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

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### ◆ Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543

J. S. Bach

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## *Tending the Flock*

Marriage—Lieutenant James P. Loupos, son of Peter and Debra Loupos, brother of Melissa, married Hannah R. Robinson in Williamsburg, VA on May 8, 2021. The couple reside in San Diego, CA where James is currently stationed.

Death—Felipe Estrada, father of Edie Estrada on May 18, 2021, in Guatemala

Death—Armenoosh Shahbazian, mother of Karen Berliner, mother-in-law of Jeff, and grandmother of Rachel and Sarah, on May 19 in Poughkeepsie, New York.

## 2020- 2021 Zoom Church School Teachers

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