



Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 11, 2021 10:00 AM

Notes for in-person worship:

Please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera at any time during worship.

Our bulletin this morning includes all the hymns and the scripture.
There is no need for bibles or hymnals.

You are welcome to join on all unison prayers and affirmations.

Please wait to be invited to join in congregation song.
Much of the music will only be sung by the choir.

After the service, please make your way to the plaza for fellowship and conversation and take all the bulletins near you and drop them in the recycling bin near the front doors.

Let us worship God!



Gathering

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

Prelude

Prière

Cesar Franck

Quasi lento – Non troppo lento

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 85 : 9–11 BCW

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

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.

**Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Come, people of God!

Let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Red Hymnal 321

Verse 1 & 2 – All

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 & 5 – All

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things

which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things

which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Forgive those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. 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 Bless the Lord, My Soul Blue Psalter 103 C

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

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

Time with Children

Children, age three to rising grade two, may leave for Summer Church School activities.

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

Romans 5 : 6–11

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For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Second Scripture Lesson

I Samuel 28 : 3–28

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Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the mediums and the wizards from the land. The Philistines assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, “Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.” His servants said to him, “There is a medium at Endor.”

So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, “Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you.” The woman said to him, “Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?” But Saul swore to her by the Lord, “As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.” Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” He answered, “Bring up Samuel for me.” When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? You are

Saul!” The king said to her, “Have no fear; what do you see?” The woman said to Saul, “I see a divine being coming up out of the ground.” He said to her, “What is his appearance?” She said, “An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe.” So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

Then Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” Saul answered, “I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.” Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor, David. Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you today. Moreover the Lord will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.”

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. The woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, “Your servant has listened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to what you have said to me. Now therefore, you also listen to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.” He refused, and said, “I will not eat.” But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he listened to their words. So he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. She put them before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.



Sending

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

◆ Closing Hymn

The Right Hand of God

Red Hymnal 332

◆ Benediction

Postlude

Contrasts

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