

Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 25, 2021 10:00 AM



Prelude Meditation Ronald A. Hemmel

Call to Worship

Psalm 134

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

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the Holy place and bless the Lord.

May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth bless you from Zion.

We come to praise and worship the Lord!

Let us worship God!

• Opening Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Red Hymnal 611

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors,

and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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 mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 13

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If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my

possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Second Scripture Lesson II Samuel 6:12–23

NRSV

It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name

of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants' maids, as any vulgar fellow might shamelessly uncover himself!" David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me in place of your father and all his household, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord, that I have danced before the Lord. I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in my own eyes; but by the maids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor." And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

Sermon

Left Off the Dance Floor

David A. Davis



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

• Sermon Hymn

In the Presence of Your People

Blue Psalter 22 F

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

Affirmation of Faith

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.

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice; glory to God in the highest!

O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice; praise to the Lord in the highest!

The Lord is our God, our creator, not we; glory to God in the highest!

The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be; praise to the Lord in the highest!

O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise; glory to God in the highest! To honor his name, thankful voices we raise; praise to the Lord in the highest! For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure; glory to God in the highest! To all generations his truth shall endure; glory to God! Glory to God!

Praise to the Lord in the highest!

• Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Red Hymnal 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

| Sending | We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with God's blessing to lives of service and love. | |
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| Closing Hymn | I Danced in the Morning | Red Hymnal 157 |
| • Benediction | | |
| Postlude | Sonata for Organ No. 1 I. Allegro | Ronald A. Hemmel |

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