



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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July 4, 2021 10:00 AM



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Prelude in G Minor (BWV 558)

J. S. Bach

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 48:9-10

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

**We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.**

**Your name, O God, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.**

**Your right hand is filled with victory.**

Come, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

What Is This Place

Red Hymnal 404

## Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,  
you call us to work for a world  
where all will be fed and have dignity,  
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.**

**You call us to seek justice and peace,  
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.**

**You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,  
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,  
so that all may know your justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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.**

## 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

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

## Prayer for Illumination

**God our helper,  
by your Holy Spirit, open our minds,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may be led into your truth  
and taught your will,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## First Scripture Lesson

James 1:17–25

NRSV

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look

at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

## Second Scripture Lesson      Ruth 2 : 1–13

NRSV

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you." They answered, "The Lord bless you." Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment."

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" Then

she said, “May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants.”

Sermon

When God’s Wings Get Clipped

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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

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Sermon Hymn

For Everyone Born

Red Hymnal 769

verses 1, 3, 5

Offertory

One Bread, One Cup, One Body We

music Michael McCabe

text Henry E. Jacobs

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer

Ernest Bloch

Concluding 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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◆ Benediction

◆ Response

Postlude

Exultate

Daniel Gawthrop

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Lauren & Nathan Seppi

Corrie Berg

Lauren J. McFeaters

Musicians

Ingrid Ladendorf, piano

Summer Choir

Noel Werner, director & organist

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