



Nassau Presbyterian Church

April 24, 2022 9:15 & 11:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Gathering

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

Prelude

Claire de Lune

Claude Debussy

♦ Call to Worship

I Peter 1:3-5

At the sign ♦ you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Praise the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has given us new life and hope.

God has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as God's own.

God has brought us out of darkness.

God has made us light to the world.

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed.

♦ Opening Hymn

The Day of Resurrection!

Red Hymnal 233

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

in raising Jesus from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess we remain captive to doubt and fear,

bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and hungry,

and pass by those who mourn.

We are unmoved by the cries of the oppressed,

and indifferent to calls for peace.

Forgive us.

Have mercy upon us.

Help us to trust your power

to change our lives and make us new,

**so that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, our Risen 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.

◆ Response of Praise Be Not Afraid Taizé

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

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

Time with Children

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

11:00 Children age three to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers.

Prayer for Illumination

**Spirit of God, you raised our Lord Jesus from the dead.
Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture.
Your Spirit draws us to Christ
and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord.
Send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight,
encouragement, faith, and compassion,
through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Praise Ye the Lord

Red Hymnal 633

Refrain - all

Verses - choir

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon ... so that you may come to believe ... Lauren J. McFeaters



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

The Risen Christ

Red Hymnal 257

Verses 1 & 3 - choir

Verses 2 & 4 - all

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from Philippians 2 : 5–11

**Christ Jesus, 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 should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Offertory

Now Glad of Heart

music: K. Lee Scott

Christliches Gesangbüchlein, 1568

Tr. A.H. Fox-Strangways

◆ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

◆ Closing Hymn

Christ Is Alive!

Red Hymnal 246

◆ Benediction

Postlude

Christ Is Alive!

Charles Callahan

Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgists

Chelsea Williams

Len Scales 9:15

Corrie Berg 11:00

Time with Children

Michael Dean Morgan

Musicians

Trevor Thornton, pianist

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director &
organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Doug Ladendorf

Jeff Santoro

Flowers

This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Evelyn and David T. Harrje, and Mark J. Whitelaw, parents and husband of Gail Melholt Harrje.

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TODAY AT NASSAU

Education for all Ages
9:15/9:30 AM *Classrooms & Assembly Room*

Youth Fellowship Hike
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM *Sourland Mountain
Preserve*

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Breaking Bread
6:30 PM *Niles Chapel*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

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