



Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 29, 2022 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Choral Introit

I Love the Lord

Richard Smallwood

♦ Call to Worship

1 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.

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.

Praise the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us worship the Living and Loving God!

♦ Opening Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul

Red Hymnal 840

Prayer of Confession

Almighty 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 Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil Red Hymnal 750

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 2 to grade 2 may leave for a Bible story and activity time. Parents may pick up children in Room 04 (lower level) at the end of the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of God,

you 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 to your holy Word.

Grant us encouragement, strength, and compassion,

through the proclamation of the gospel. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 16

NRSV

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;
because the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 16 : 16–34

NRSV

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs

that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Sermon

Songs in the Night

Lauren J. McFeaters



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

I Waited Patiently for God

Blue Psalter 40 B

pg. 249

◆ 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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Dale Wood

7th cent. Latin Hymn

trans. James Mason Neale

◆ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hal Hopson

Neil Weatherhogg

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Red Hymnal 65

◆ Benediction

◆ Postlude

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Henry Kihlken

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Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgist

John Thurber

Corrie Berg

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Adult Choir

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TODAY AT NASSAU

Worship

10:00 AM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Fellowship

11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Summer Sunday Schedule

Through September 4, 2022:

10:00 AM—One service of worship, livestream and in person. Church school for age 2 through grade 2 in Room 04 following the Time with Children in worship.

11:15 AM—Starting in June: Adult Education class in the Assembly Room 11:15 AM–12:00 PM
Exception: on June 12 Adult Education will be at 9:00 AM in order to make room for our All-Church Picnic at 11:00 AM in the parking lot.

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