



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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March 14, 2021 11:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Passacaglia in D Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Psalm 51

God of salvation's joy,  
we gather to celebrate and worship you.

**We come, realizing that we need you.**

**Forgive and re-create us.**

God of unfailing love,  
we gather to worship and honor you.

**We come, and because of your compassion,  
forgive and renew us.**

God of new beginnings,  
we gather to praise and thank you.

**We come; through your grace and mercy,  
restore us, so that with clean hearts we may truly worship you.**

Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art  
Verses 1, 3, 4

Red Hymnal 625

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves innocent when we are complicit,  
and able to go it alone when we need each other.**

**We have spurned love,  
neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence*

Response

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded  
Verse 2

Red Hymnal 221

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 53 : 4-5 (CEB)

It was certainly our sickness that he carried,  
and our sufferings that he bore,  
but we thought him afflicted,  
struck down by God and tormented.  
He was pierced because of our rebellions  
and crushed because of our crimes.  
He bore the punishment that made us whole;  
by his wounds we are healed.  
Behold, children of God!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13 : 1-7



**Proclaiming the Word**

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

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Prayer for Illumination

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,  
and prepare our hearts to accept your Word.**  
**Silence in us any voice but your own,  
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

“A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.” Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying to us, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you

will see me'; and 'Because I am going to the Father?'" They said, "What does he mean by this 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.



## Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Complete Joy David A. Davis

Sermon Hymn In the Cross of Christ I Glory Red Hymnal 213

Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8

**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.**

Moment of Gratitude

Offertory

O for a Closer Walk with God

music Eric Thiman  
text William Cowper



## Sending

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

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Doxology

Lord of All Good  
Verse 3

Red Hymnal 711

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Poulton Family

Lauren J. McFeaters

Mark Edwards

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Maria Palombo, soloist

Noel Werner, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Jeff Santoro

Doug Ladendorf

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## *Tending the Flock*

Deaths—

Mary Hildebrand Walsh on February 27, 2021 in Skillman,  
New Jersey

Marilyn Harrison, wife of Keith Harrison on March 7,  
2021 in Doylestown, Pennsylvania

There will be a congregational meeting TODAY  
Sunday March 14, 2021 after the 11:00 a.m.  
livestream worship held via Zoom. A link to the  
meeting is included in the Sunday Worship Links  
email.

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