



Nassau Presbyterian Church

April 11, 2021 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Vernal Sequence no. 8: "I Will Rise and Shine"

Michael Carl Green

Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's love endures forever.

The Lord is our strength and our song;

God has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's love endures forever.

Opening Hymn

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Red Hymnal 235

Prayer of Confession

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;

new love where we have turned hard-hearted;

forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;

and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Siblings in Christ,

hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Words of Welcome

Sacrament of Baptism



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

God of life, your Spirit raised 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.

**We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight,
encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the Gospel. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 36 : 24–28

NRSV

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 20 : 19–31

NRSV

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.



Thanksgiving

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

Sermon

So Jesus Sends You

Len Scales

Sermon Hymn

Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!

Red Hymnal 248

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,**

Preacher

Len Scales

Liturgists

Salita Family

Lauren J. McFeaters

Jeff Santoro

Musicians

Michael Green & Robert

McNally, trumpets

Lars Wendt & James Borowski,
trombones

William Trigg, hand drum &
timpani

Michael Ryan, organist

Marissa Chalker, soloist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Doug Ladendorf

Jeff Santoro

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Tending the Flock

Birth— Gideon James Moorhead, son of Michelle and
Stefan Moorhead, grandson of Cynthia and James
Moorhead on April 1, 2021

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