



Nassau Presbyterian Church

April 18, 2021 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Duetto (Op. 38 No. 6)

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

**I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.
Come, let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Red Hymnal 245

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, our friend and teacher,
we remember in this Easter season
that you reconcile us to God
through your cross and resurrection.
We confess that we would rather hide
than meet our neighbors face to face
and take up your ministry of reconciliation.
We do not want to hear
how we have hurt others personally,
or acknowledge our participation
in systems that demean people and communities.
Forgive us, Lord, and give us strength and courage
to examine ourselves and repent of selfish ways,
committing once again to your words: "Follow me."**

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! Amen.

Response of Praise

Be Not Afraid

Red Hymnal 243

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Peter's Commission

John 21 : 15-17



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God,
speak to us now in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may hear your Word today.
Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Psalms 103 : 1-14

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Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
You have not dealt with us according to our sins,

nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.
For you know well how we are formed;
you remember that we are but dust.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 21 : 1–19

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After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Sermon

Love That Restores

Andrew Scales



Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Verses 1, 3, 4

Red Hymnal 645

Affirmation of Faith

2 Corinthians 5 : 17–21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Godself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Godself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making God’s appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Offertory

Give Me Jesus

African-American Spiritual
arr. Hall Johnson



Sending

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

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 609

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

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Time with Children

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Tending the Flock

Death—The Rev. Brian Gegel, brother-in-law of Carol Wehrheim and father of Joshua and Jessica Gegel on April 10, 2021, in Sparta, Illinois

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