



Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 2, 2021 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Pastorale on Engelberg

Michael Burkhardt

Introit

Send Out Your Light

Iona, Scotland

Call to Worship

I John 4 : 7-9

Beloved, let us love another, because love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

Come, people of God, let us love and let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Red Hymnal 485

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

in whom we live and move and have our being,

whose face is hidden from us by our sins,

and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,

that with reverent and humble hearts

we may draw near to you,

confessing our faults,

confiding in your grace,

and finding in you our refuge and strength;

through Jesus Christ your Son. 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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Red Hymnal 654

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Jesus Heals

Mark 5 : 21-24, 35-43



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalms 22 : 25-31

BCW

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the Lord give praise!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.
Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the Lord.
Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
They shall proclaim God's deliverance
to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 8 : 26-40

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Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got

up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Sermon

Wilderness Roads

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Hymn

I Come with Joy

Red Hymnal 515

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation**

**in and through Jesus Christ.
We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.
We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.
We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.
Thanks be to God.**

Offertory

This Touch of Love

music Alfred V. Fedak
text Jaroslav J. Vajda

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Concluding Prayer



Sending

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

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on Engelberg

Charles Callahan

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Tramontana family

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Members of the Adult Choir

George Somerville, soloist

Michael Ryan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Jeff Santoro

Ian Lewono

Cover Art

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Tending the Flock

Death—Barbara “Bobbie” Basset Erdman, wife of Bill Erdman, daughter-in-law of Peter Erdman, sister-in-law of Caroline Hare, on April 22, 2021 in Beverly, Massachusetts

Birth— Frances Aubrey Millson, a daughter born to Hannah (Davis) and Henry Millson, granddaughter of Cathy and Dave Davis, niece of Ben Davis on April 25, 2021 in New York City, New York

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