



Nassau Presbyterian Church

June 20, 2021 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Fughetta on “A Mighty Fortress”

Johann Pachelbel

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 9 : 1–2

At the sign ♦ you may stand. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Red Hymnal 275

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,

cleans us from our sin.

Do not cast us away from your presence,

or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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 three to rising grade two, may leave for Summer Church School activities.

Prayer for Illumination

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Mark 2 : 1–12

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When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting

there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Second Scripture Lesson

I Samuel 17 : 41–47

NRSV

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.”

Sermon

Unexpected Leadership

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

In Silence My Soul Thirsts

Red Hymnal 790

◆ **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,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Amen.

Offertory *All My Hope on God Is Founded* music Michael Burkhardt
text Joachim Neadner, para. Bridges

◆ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

◆ Benediction

◆ Response *Siyahamba* Red Hymnal 853

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Timothy Albrecht

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Members of the Adult Choir

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Tending the Flock

Death—David Franklin “Frank” McClendon, brother of Dale McClendon on June 10, 2021, in Brick, New Jersey

Birth—Sean Gregory Hannah, grandson of Ellen Hannah, born on June 11, 2021 in New York City, New York

Death— Bryan Werner, father of Noel Werner, father-in-law of Wendi Werner, and grandfather of Sophie and Emily Werner, on June 16 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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