



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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June 27, 2021 10:00 AM



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Holberg Suite Sarabande

Edvard Grieg

## ♦ Call to Worship

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

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in God's word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with the Lord is great power to redeem.  
Come, let us worship the Lord!**

## ♦ Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

Red Hymnal 14

## Prayer of Confession

**God of glory,  
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride  
hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor;  
we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.  
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may show forth your glory  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

## 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.

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## Sacrament of Baptism

### Prayer for Illumination

**God of abundant life,  
your grace is our daily bread.  
Nourish us by your Word  
and fill us with your Spirit  
so that we may grow in faith and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson      Romans 12 : 9–21

NRSV

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,

live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Second Scripture Lesson

II Samuel 1 : 23–27

NRSV

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!

In life and in death they were not divided;  
they were swifter than eagles,  
they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen  
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.

I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
greatly beloved were you to me;  
your love to me was wonderful,  
passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!

Sermon

When Love Stands Out

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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

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♦ Sermon Hymn    When Trouble Looms on Every Side    Blue Psalter 10 A

◆ **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.**

## Moment for Mission

Offertory

Thy Perfect Love

music K. Lee Scott  
text Anon. 15th cent.  
& Ephesians 5 : 1–2

- ◆ 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.

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- ◆ Benediction

- ◆ Response

Going and Coming

Joachim Schwartz

Postlude

The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

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Preacher

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# *Tending the Flock*

Death—Barbara Woolley Stafford, mother  
of Tammy Stafford Ruble, Kevin Stafford,  
and David Stafford, Jr., on June 20, 2021, in  
Skillman, New Jersey

Marriage—Karl A. Schieneman, Esq. married Rita  
Melo on June 13, 2021, in Buzios, Brasil. Karl  
is the son of Gary S. Schieneman and Lorraine  
Payseur Sarhage.

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