



Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 21, 2022 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Echoes

Bill Ingram

◆ Call to Worship

At the sign ◆ you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

We gather, seeking to follow God's call wherever it may lead us.

Together, we make the journey of faith.

Through transitions and turning points,
through questions and doubts, we are not alone.

Together, in life and in death, we belong to God.

Whoever we have been, whoever we are today,
and whoever we will be tomorrow,

Together, let us worship God!

◆ Opening Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power of God Red Hymnal 32

Prayer of Confession

Patient and loving God, we confess that our love for you, neighbor, and self are not what they could be. We focus more on our own interests or insecurities than on the needs of others. We seek comfort in systems that harm people and the planet. We are tied up in practices based in fear, scarcity, and power over others, rather than in love, abundance, and mutual empowerment.

Forgive us and help us to keep becoming your people.

Touch us with hope, that we may join you in building the world of your dreams. Pour out mercy upon us, that we may be compassionate to all who hurt. Reshape us with your love, that we may be whole. 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 Know That God Is Good Red Hymnal 659

Shona:

Mungu ni mwema. Mungu ni mwema.

Mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.

Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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 2 to grade 2, may now leave for a Bible story and activity time. Parents may pick-up children in room 04 (lower level) at the end of the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One,

help us to find new meaning and new life in the ancient words of

Scripture,

that we might be hearers,

dreamers, and doers of your life-giving Word,

for the good of the world you love. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103 : 1–8

BCW

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;

Second Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 58 : 9b–14

NRSV

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Sermon

Practicing Faith

Len Scales



Thanksgiving

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

◆ Sermon Hymn Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples Red Hymnal 757

◆ Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
 the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.
 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive:
 which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.
 His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know but ne'er can tell,
 the glory which I now can see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.
 For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
 I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

◆ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God all people here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

◆ Closing Hymn Arise, Your Light Is Come! Red Hymnal 744

◆ Benediction

Postlude The Heavens Declare (Psalm 19) Benedetto Marcello

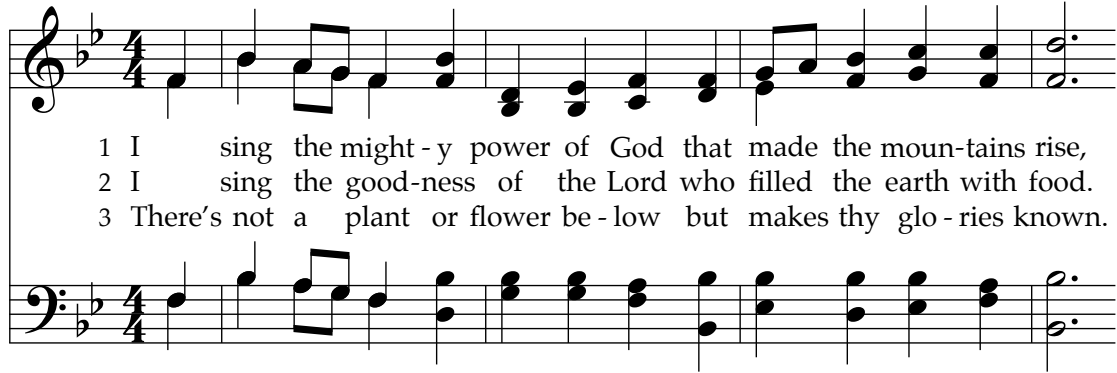
Preacher	Musicians	Livestream Operators
Len Scales	<i>Summer Bell Choir</i>	Jeff Santoro
Liturgist	Robert Lamb, director	Sam Yang
Andrew Scales	<i>Summer Choir</i>	Cover Art
Time with Children	Ingrid Ladendorf, guest	“Stream,” a linocut by
Len Scales	director	Elizabeth Steele Halstead.
	Sound Engineer	
	Nick Mastalesz	

Pastor Dave Davis is in Charlottesville, VA this weekend officiating the marriage of Will Sword and Anne Sekley.

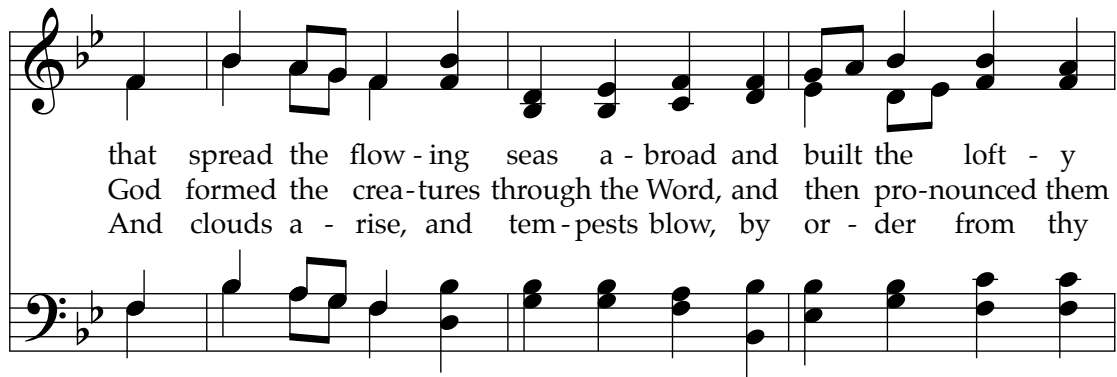
Note on offertory anthem text

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” is a mystical folk hymn from the 18th century based on Songs of Solomon 2 : 3 and Revelation 22 : 1–2. Culturally, it is a Christian appropriation of the pagan tradition of wassailing the apple orchards in early January, literally toasting to their good health for next year’s harvest. This practice occurred close to the time that the twelfth night after Christmas is celebrated and wassailing with apple cider on 12th Night is still observed in some parts of England. While some sources attribute the text to a Rev. Richard Hutchins (1698-1781), its authorship remains in doubt.

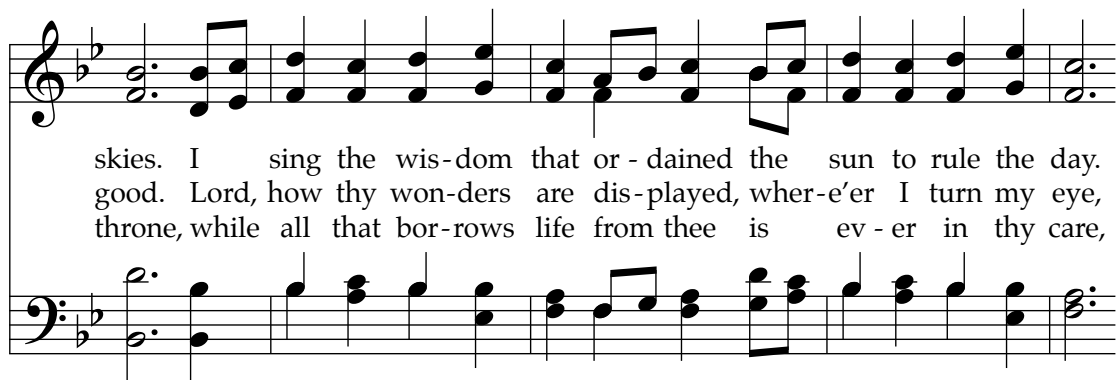
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



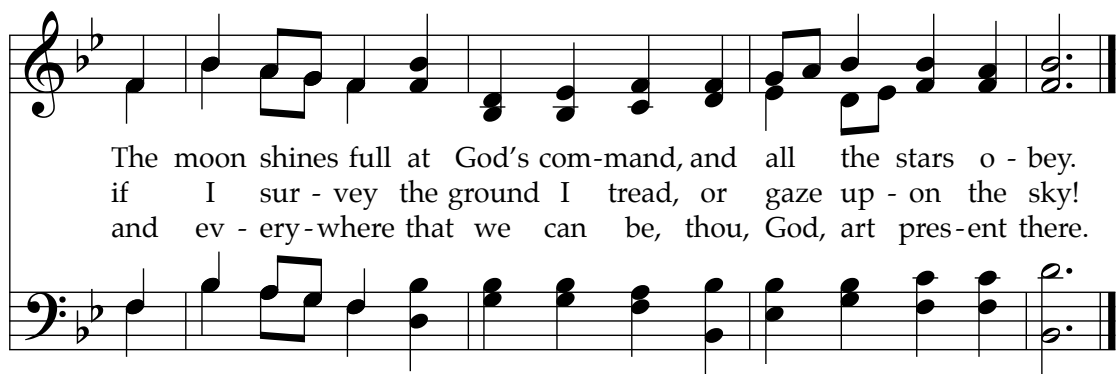
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

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 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

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The Week Ahead

Monday, Aug. 22

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, Aug. 23

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, Aug. 24

No Scheduled Events

Thursday, Aug. 25

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

7:00 PM *Session – Anti-Racism Training*
Zoom

Friday, Aug. 26

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, Aug. 27

No Scheduled Events

August 22 – 28

Sunday, Aug. 28

9:00 AM *Summer Choir*
Music Room

10:00 AM *Worship - Communion*
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Summer Church School*
Room 04

11:00 AM *Fellowship*
Plaza

TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Adult Education
9:00 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Summer Church School
10:15 AM *Room 04*

Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Tending the Flock

Death—The Rev. David McAlpin on
August 5, 2022 in Skillman, NJ.

Death—Margaret Drayer (Peg) on
August 15, 2022 in Cranbury, NJ..

Welcome to Nassau Church

Children. Children are always welcome in our services of worship.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in Room 09 (Lower Level) during the service.

Summer Church School classes begin following “Time with Children.” Children ages three to grade two may go to a story and activity time in Room 04 (Lower Level).

Visit the website for more information about our September-to-May Church School program.

Order CDs of the service. Stop by the sound room.

Livestream Worship. Livestream worship can be found at NassauChurch.org/livestream-worship. If you are worshipping with us in person, please be aware that you may be visible on camera at any time.

Connect to our online community life. Visit nassauchurch.org for information and join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram feeds (@nassauchurch) for news, recaps of events, and snapshots of life at Nassau.

Connect to pastors or staff. Contact the office.

Online giving. See “Give Now” on the website or give via the Church Life app.

Accessibility. The church lot has reserved parking, and there are six reserved street spaces on Sundays. Ramp access to the building is from the parking lot. Ask an usher for an assistive hearing device, a large-print bulletin or hymnal, an accessible pew, or a wheelchair. Ushers can also direct you to the elevator to access other floors.

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