



Nassau Presbyterian Church

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July 31, 2022    10:00 AM



# Gathering

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

Prelude

Meditation on Dona Nobis Pacem  
and Be Still

Christianne Bessières Lane

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1, 7, 12

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

We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

**Come by here, our Lord, come by here.**

With our mouths, we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**Come by here, our Lord, come by here.**

We declare your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**Come by here, our Lord, come by here.**

Let us worship the living and loving God!

♦ Opening Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Red Hymnal 610

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have created us to live with light and love.**

**We confess we choose to live in the shadows.**

**We hide our heads in the sand.**

**We find it hard to be open and truthful with you,  
with one another, and with ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O God. Have mercy upon us.**

**In the silence of these moments we pray to you the Psalmist's words:**

**"Search me and know my heart,  
test me and know my thoughts.**

**See if there is any hurtful way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting." Amen.**

*Silence*

## 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      In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

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## 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

**O Lord our God,**  
**your Word is a lamp to our feet**  
**and a light to our path.**  
**Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,**  
**that we may be obedient to your will**  
**and live always for your glory;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 107  
verses 1, 2, 5, 6

Blue Psalter 107 A

## Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 7:36–50

NRSV

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Sermon

Truly. Madly. Curious.

Lauren J. McFeaters



# Thanksgiving

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

- Sermon Hymn                    To My Precious Lord                    Red Hymnal 704
  - Affirmation of Faith                    from Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.**

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## 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.

- ◆ Closing Hymn    God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me    Red Hymnal 543
  - ◆ Benediction

## Postlude      Prelude and Fugue in F Major (BWV 556)      J. S. Bach

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Preacher	Musicians	Livestream Operators
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## TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir  
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship  
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Summer Church School  
10:15 AM *Room o4*

Fellowship  
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

## *Tending the Flock*

Death—Robert (Bob) L. Brungraber,  
June 27, 2022, in Hightstown, New  
Jersey

## Welcome to Nassau Church

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

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Conference Room) 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 o4 (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](http://NassauChurch.org/livestream-worship). If you are worshiping 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](http://nassauchurch.org) for information and join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page and 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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