Nassau Presbyterian Church

April 23, 2023  9:15 & 11:00 AM
Gathering

Prelude Fugue in D major Ludwig van Beethoven

Call to Worship

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

Let us extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Everyday we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,

God’s greatness is unsearchable.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Red Hymnal 248

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave

and crowned him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him

or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the way of the world

and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin,

that we may be your faithful people,

obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. 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

Be Not Afraid
Taizé Community

Words of Welcome

Sacrament of Baptism
9:15  Charlotte Hicks Gavin
      Daughter of Melissa & Andrew Gavin

9:15 Children may leave for church school classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

Proclaiming the Word

Time with Children 11:00

11:00 Children age three to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers, room 302, third floor.
Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 139:1–24

Blue Psalter 139 C

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1–15

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Sermon

Surprise Endings

David A. Davis

Thanksgiving

Sermon Hymn

Hope of the World

Red Hymnal 734

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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.
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.  
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
Grace on Grace
William Beckstrand
Based on John 1:14,16–17

The law through Moses came. Grace on grace.
But God sent love, our life to claim. Grace on grace.
Grace and truth in Jesus’ name! Grace on grace.
God sent love, our life to claim. Grace on grace.
The glory of the Word became
in flesh, like us, but not the same,
for in his fullness all receive grace on grace.
God sent love, our life to claim grace on grace.
Grace on endless grace.

Doxology
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
Sending

- Closing Hymn  Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  Red Hymnal 366
- Benediction

  Postlude  Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  Healey Willan

Preacher  David A. Davis
Liturgists  Lauren J. McFeaters  9:15  Mark Edwards  11:00
Time with Children  Carol Wehrheim

Musicians  Adult Choir  Noel Werner, director  Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer  Nick Mastalesz
Livestream  Jeff Santoro  Doug Ladendorf
Cover Art  “Vineyard” a photograph by Ned Walthall.

Tending the Flock

Birth—
Roscoe “Ross” Chalker Somerville, son of Marissa Chalker and George Somerville, on April 9, 2023, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Deaths—
Dale Morrison, husband of Barbara, on April 8, 2023, in Naples, Florida. A memorial service will be held April 24 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.
Soong Fang “Sam” Chen, father of Norman Chen, father-in-law of Natalie Chen, on April 14, 2023, in Princeton, New Jersey
Bruce Edward Nickerson, brother-in-law of Kathie Sakenfeld, April 10, 2023, in Bedford Massachusetts
Tommy Elliott, cousin of Doug Ladendorf (Ingrid), on April 10, 2023, in Louisville, Kentucky
The Week Ahead

Monday, Apr. 24
3:00 PM Dale Morrison Memorial Service
Sanctuary
5:30 PM Festival Ringers
Music Room

Tuesday, Apr. 25
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
Niles Chapel/Conference Room
1:30 PM Grace Note Singers
Stonebridge at Montgomery
7:00 PM Grief Encounters Tuesday Support Group
Conference Room
7:00 PM Worship and Arts Committee
Assembly Room

Wednesday, Apr. 26
4:15 PM Carol Choir
Music Room
5:15 PM Choir 3-4-5
Music Room
7:30 PM Adult Choir
Music Room

Thursday, Apr. 27
9:00 AM Walk-Talk-Pray
Meet on Front Steps
10:00 AM Al-Anon
Assembly Room

Friday, Apr. 28
8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast
Zoom

Saturday, Apr. 29
11:00 AM Nancye Fitzpatrick Memorial Service
Sanctuary

Sunday, Apr. 30
9:15/9:30 Education for All Ages
Assembly Room & Classrooms
9:15 AM Worship
Sanctuary
10:05 AM Joyful Noise
Niles Chapel
10:15 AM Fellowship
Assembly Room
10:30 AM Carol Choir
Niles Chapel
11:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Worship Explorers
Room 302
3:30 PM Galatians In-Depth Bible Study
Conference Room
5:00 PM Cantorei
Music Room
5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship
Room 304
6:00 PM Youth Fellowship Dinner
Assembly Room
6:30 PM Breaking Bread Worship
Niles Chapel
6:40 PM Chorale
Music Room
6:40 PM Senior High Fellowship
Room 304
Welcome to Nassau Church

Children are always welcome in our services of worship.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Lower Level), 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Church School takes place during the 9:15 AM service. Classes for grades 6 to 12 begin at 9:15 AM. Preschoolers to grade 5 participate in the first part of the service and are then dismissed to their classes. All classes conclude at 10:30 AM.

Worship Explorers is a child-focused alternative worship setting during 11:00 AM worship for children age 3 to grade 3. Children attend the first part of the service and are then dismissed to Room 302 (Third Floor).

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 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 for information and join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page 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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