Gathering

Prelude Canon in C major Robert Schumann

Call to Worship Psalm 30: 4–5, 11b
At the sign ◆ you may stand. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name. 
For God’s anger is but for a moment; God’s favor is for a lifetime. 
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. 
Let us worship the living and loving God!

Opening Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! Red Hymnal 245

Prayer of Confession

Lord of all creation, you have called us each by name.
We are yours, and yet, we seek control where we have none.
We mock your work because we’re too interested in our own plans.
We neglect our covenant with you.
We ignore your Word and turn our backs on those in need.
Forgive us. Have mercy upon us.
Grant us your grace in the midst of our brokenness.
Grant us your peace in the midst of our sin. 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  Margaret Leonita Ruddy
Daughter of Cara & Brian Ruddy, sister of Anna Ruddy

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scripture is read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy, what you say to us today. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson
Ephesians 3:14–21 pg 193

Second Scripture Lesson
Deuteronomy 31:7–13, 19–23 pg 186

Sermon
It Is a Fortitude Lauren J. McFeaters

Thanksgiving

Sermon Hymn
How Firm a Foundation Red Hymnal 463

Affirmation of Faith
Philippians 2:5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: 
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Offertory

I Will Give Thanks to the Lord

Emma Lou Diemer
Psalm 9:1–2, 13, 14

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; 
I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds, 
I will be glad and exult in thee; 
I will sing praise to thy name, O Most High. 
Be gracious to me, O Lord! 
Behold what I suffer from those who hate me, 
O thou who liftest me up from the gates of death, 
that I may recount all of thy praises, 
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion 
I may rejoice in thy deliverance. 
Be gracious to me, O Lord! 
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart!

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, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
Sending

♦ Closing Hymn
God of Grace and God of Glory
Red Hymnal 307

♦ Benediction

God of Grace

Postlude

Paul Manz

Preacher
Lauren J. McFeaters

Musicians
Adult Choir
Noel Werner, director

Sound Engineer
Nick Mastalesz

Liturgist
David A. Davis

Don Dolan, organist

Livestream
Tom Coogan
Sam Yang

Time with Children
Elizabeth Steel

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# The Week Ahead

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## Saturday, May 6

**No Scheduled Events**

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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.

Tending the Flock

Death—Henry “Hank” Cook, father of Cathy Cook Davis (Dave Davis), grandfather of Hannah Millson (Henry) and Ben Davis, great-grandfather of Franny Millson, on April 23, 2023, in Skillman, New Jersey. A memorial service will take place, May 4, 2023, 11:00 AM, in the sanctuary.