



Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2023 10:00 AM

ASCENSION SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

If you are worshipping with us in the Sanctuary at 9:15 AM, please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera at any time during worship.

A large print bulletin with scripture and hymns for those who require it is available in the narthex.

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



Gathering

Prelude Sonata for Piano and Violin in G major Ludwig van Beethoven
Opus 96
Allegro Moderato

♦ Call to Worship

From Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
for the Lord has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in the Lord's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false.**

The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Come everyone, let us worship this God of glory!

♦ Opening Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

Red Hymnal 258

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

**nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy upon us, and in your great compassion,
restore to us the joy of your salvation.
We pray in the name and for the sake of Jesus, your Son, our Savior. 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

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Iona Community

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, O Take Me as I Am'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

Sacrament of Baptism

Skye Aurora Slaymaker

Daughter of Brittany and Jared Slaymaker

Children age 2 to grade 2 may leave for a Bible story and activity time. Parents may pick up children in Room 07 (lower level) at the end of the service.

Prayer for Illumination

In both moments of doubt and praise, we seek your Word, O God.

Bring us a sense of direction and light.

Help open our hearts, minds, and beings to your scripture.

Through Jesus Christ, the light in our darkness. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Psalms 22 : 1–11

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Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 27 : 22–31

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Sermon

Do Not Be Far From Me

Mark Edwards



Thanksgiving

♦ Hymn of Affirmation The Lord's My Shepherd

Blue Psalter 23 F

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Refrain: All

Verses 1 & 2: Choir

Verse 3: All

Offertory

My Soul Is a Witness

Jay Althouse

Witness, witness for my Lord,

My soul is a witness for my Lord.

Samson! He was the strongest man.

You read it in the Bible and you understand.

And way back yonder in ancient times,
 old Samson fought those Philistines.
 Witness, witness for my Lord,
 Samson was a witness for my Lord.
 Noah! He was a righteous man.
 You read it in the Bible and you understand.
 The Lord appeared to him in the dark
 and commanded Noah to build the ark.
 Witness, witness for my Lord,
 Noah was a witness for my Lord.
 Witness, witness, for my Lord,
 Who will be a witness for my Lord?
 Witness, witness, for my Lord?
 My soul is a witness for my Lord!

Act of Confirmation

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Sending

- ◆ Closing Hymn Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Red Hymnal 737
 - ◆ Benediction
 - ◆ Response Siyahamba Red Hymnal 853
- Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
 We are marching in the light of God.**

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

Preacher

Mark Edwards

Liturgists

David A. Davis

Lauren J. McFeaters

Musicians

Nancy Wilson, violin

Frances Slade, piano

*Adult Choir, Cantorei &
Chorale*

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Jeff Santoro

Tom Coogan

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The Week Ahead

Monday, May 22

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, May 23

9:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Niles Chapel/Conference Room

6:30 PM *Deacon Picnic*
Assembly Room/Niles Chapel

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 PM *Finance Committee*
Zoom

Thursday, May 25

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

Friday, May 26

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, May 27

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, May 28

10:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Summer Church School*
Room 07

11:00 AM *Fellowship*
Front Plaza

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TODAY AT NASSAU

9:00 AM Adult Education
Assembly Room & Classrooms

Worship - Confirmation
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Nassau Book Group
11:15 AM *Conference Room*

Galatians In-Depth Bible Study
3:30 PM *Conference Room*

Tending the Flock

Death—Erwin Michael (Mike) Joye, husband of Lucy, father of Russell (Laura) and Evan (Chevon) and grandfather of Julian, on May 4, 2023, in Kendall Park, New Jersey

Death—Nancy Manning, mother of Celia Tazelaar and mother-in-law of Eric Tazelaar on May 11, 2023

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).

Children age 2 to grade 2 may leave at the Time with Children for a Bible story and activity time. Parents may pick up children in Room 07 (lower level) at the end of the service.

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 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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