Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2023  10:00 AM

ASCENSION SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
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

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 Psalm 22:1–11 pg 500

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 27:22–31 pg 32

Sermon Do Not Be Far From Me Mark Edwards

Thanksgiving

• Hymn of Affirmation The Lord’s My Shepherd Blue Psalter 23 F pg 136
  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

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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
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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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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 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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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

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