Gathering

Prelude Nocturne No. 6 in D-flat major (op. 36)
Gabriel Fauré

• Introit In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful

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

   In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful;
   in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
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• Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14–16

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Come, and let us worship the living and loving God!

• Opening Hymn
We Know That Christ Is Raised

Red Hymnal 485
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, you 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 of Praise

Be Not Afraid

Taizé Community

Words of Welcome
Every morning’s sun follows every evening’s night,
and every day I know that it will come.
Every day of the year I know it will appear,
even though the clouds may hide it some.

Every springtime’s bloom follows every winter’s cold,
and every year I know that it will come.
All the trees and flowers need sunshine and showers,
and every year they get rain and sun.

Everywhere I look I see the work of God,
and everywhere all nature calls God’s name!
Everywhere I go in sunshine, wind, or snow,
I know that God will always be the same.
Prayer for Illumination

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

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Scripture Lesson Acts 2: 37–47

Sermon Craving the Ordinary  
David A. Davis
Thanksgiving

• Sermon Hymn  We Are One in the Spirit  Red Hymnal 300

Offertory  Speak, O Lord  Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
            arr. John Ferguson

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth; plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail - let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us -
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,
and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ‘till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People  Consolations Nos. 3 and 4 (S. 172)  Franz Liszt

Concluding Prayer

☯ Sending

- Closing Hymn  Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen  Red Hymnal 536

- Benediction

- Response  Going and Coming  Joachim Schwartz

Postlude  Postlude on “Engelberg”  Charles Callahan
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Preacher
David A. Davis

Liturgist
Len Scales

Time with Children
Carol Wehrheim

Musicians
Adult Choir
Noel Werner, director
Don Dolan, organist
Choir 3·4·5
& Carol Choir (9:15)
Ingrid Ladendorf, director
Alex Valvanis & Ford Pisano, Glockenspiel

Sound Engineer
Nick Mastalesz

Livestream
Doug Ladendorf
Peter Spelda

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# The Week Ahead

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**Saturday, May 13**

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.

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**A Reminder**

Starting May 21 through September 3, we will worship and livestream at 10:00 AM.

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**Tending the Flock**

Death—Nicholas Tullio, brother of Janet Giles, uncle of Cameron, Christian, Caroline and Carson Giles, on May 1, 2023, in Cleveland, Ohio.