Gathering

Prelude  Sonata in B minor, Hob.XVI:32  Franz Joseph Haydn
Allegro moderato

- Introit  In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful  Taizé Community

  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;
  lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

- Call to Worship  Psalm 71

  In you, O Lord, we take refuge; be to us a rock of refuge,
  a strong fortress, to save,
  for you are our rock and fortress.
  For you, O Lord, are our hope,
  our trust, O Lord, from our youth.
  Upon you we have leaned from our birth;
  it was you who took us from our mothers’ wombs.
  We praise you O God and we worship you!

- Opening Hymn  O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  Red Hymnal 610

Prayer of Confession

  Merciful God, you made us in your image,
  with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.
  But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant,
  our obedience incomplete.
  Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.
  Have mercy upon us and help us.
  In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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
  Know That God Is Good
  Democratic Republic of Congo

  Mungu ni mwema. Mungu ni mwema.
  Mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.
  Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
  Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.
  Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
  Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Words of Welcome

Summer Commissioning

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Children

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.

Epistle Lesson
Romans 5:1–8

Sermon
Starting with a Story
Corrie Berg
Thanksgiving

- Sermon Hymn  
  Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

- Affirmation of Faith  
  Heidelberg Catechism 4.001

  Our only comfort, in life and death,
  is that we belong—
  body and soul, in life and in death—
  not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior,

  Jesus Christ,
  who at the cost of his own blood
  has fully paid for all our sins
  and has completely freed us
  from the dominion of the devil;
  that he protects us so well
  that without the will of our Father in heaven
  not a hair can fall from our heads;
  indeed, that everything must fit his purpose
  for our salvation.

  Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,
  he also assures us of eternal life,
  and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready
  from now on to live for him.

  Thanks be to God.
Offertory

Hope Will Not Fail

Mark Miller
text David Bjorlin

Hope will not fail, no, hope will not fail.
Though anguish and apathy seem to prevail,
no, hope will not fail.
Peace will not fail, no, peace will not fail.
Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail,
no, peace will not fail.
Joy will not fail, no, joy will not fail.
Though mourning and misery seem to prevail,
no, joy will not fail.
Love will not fail, no, love will not fail.
Though hatred and hopelessness seem to prevail,
no, love will not fail.

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.
Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Margaret Becker and Keith Getty

1. Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.
   You have brought me to this passage and I'll follow though I'm worn.
   May this journey bring a blessing, May I rise on wings of faith,
   (and) at the end of my heart's testing, with your likeness let me wake.

2. Jesus, guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.
   When the midnight meets the morning let me leave them at your throne.
   When the end of this long passage, let me love you even more.

3. Let the treasures of the trial form within me as I go.
   (and) at the

4. love you even more.
   (and) at the

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   (and) at the

6. love you even more.
   (and) at the
The Week Ahead

**Monday, June 19**
Office Closed - Juneteenth

**Tuesday, June 20**
No Scheduled Events

**Wednesday, June 21**
No Scheduled Events

**Thursday, June 22**
10:00 AM  *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

7:00 PM  *VBS Volunteer Orientation*
Assembly Room

**Friday, June 23**
8:00 AM  *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

**Saturday, June 24**
No Scheduled Events

**Sunday, June 25**
9:00 AM  *Summer Choir*
Music Room

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).

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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

Birth—Luke Mark Todd Donaldson, grandson of Marilyn and Gerry Donaldson, on June 2, 2023, in Plainsboro, New Jersey

Marriage—Douglas Bryant, son of Ann and Gordon Bryant, to Allise DuBay on May 27, 2023, in Ann Arbor, Michigan