



Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 23, 2023 10:00 AM

If you are worshipping with us in the Sanctuary, 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

- ♦ Introit In My Life Red Hymnal 468

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord...

In your church, Lord...

In your world, Lord...

- ♦ Call to Worship Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is the Lord who made us, and we are God's.

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the Lord's courts with praise;
give thanks to God and praise God's name.

For the Lord is good, and God's love endures forever;

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

- ♦ Opening Hymn What Is This Place Red Hymnal 404

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who turn to you and repent.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**We have not done justice, loved kindness
or walked humbly with you, our God.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, O God.
Restore us to the joy of your salvation. 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

Thank You, Lord

African American Spiritual

Refrain F C#7 Dm Gm G7 C Bb A7 Dm D7

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord.
2 Been so good, been so good, been so good.

Gm7 F/C C7 Bb/F F

I just want to thank you, Lord.

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

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.

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear your good news with great joy. Amen.**

First Lesson	Psalm 121	pg 571
Second Lesson	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	pg 14
Sermon	Let It Grow	Kelsey Lambright



Thanksgiving

- ♦ Sermon Hymn God the Sculptor of the Mountains Red Hymnal 5
- ♦ Affirmation of Faith Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things in heaven and earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers—
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the first-born from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased
to reconcile to himself all things,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.
Thanks be to God.**

Offertory

I Am the Vine

Carlton Young
text Shirley Erena Murray

I am the vine, and you are the branches,
I am the vine, and in me, you thrive,
cut from my being, you can do nothing,
I course through stem and leaf, leaping, alive.

I am the vine, and God is the gard'ner
tending the vineyard, burning the waste,
pruning the dead shoot, cleaning the good fruit,
grapes for the vintage wine, sweet to taste.

I am the vine, and you are the branches,
tendrils of faith, reach out and grow strong!
You are my friends with new understanding
– stay in my company, here you belong.

♦ 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!**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Sending

◆ Closing Hymn I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Red Hymnal 700

◆ Benediction

◆ Response Send Me, Jesus South African

Leader *All*

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma
Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me,
(2 Lead me,) Je - sus; lead me, Je - sus; lead me,
(3 Fill me,) Je - sus; fill me, Je - sus; fill me,
Repeat ad lib. 2 Lead me, Lord.
3 Fill me, Lord. End

mi - na, So - man - dla.
Je - sus; send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,
Je - sus; lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,
Je - sus; fill me, Lord.

Postlude

Rondo

Rachel Laurin

Preacher

Kelsey Lambright

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Elizabeth Steel

Musicians

Solo Bells,

Robert Lamb

Summer Choir,

Noel Werner, director and
organist

Sound Engineer

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The Week Ahead

Monday, July 24

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, July 25

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday, July 26

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, July 27

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

Friday, July 28

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, July 29

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, July 30

9:00 AM *Summer Bells*
Sanctuary Balcony

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

11:15 AM *Adult Education*
Assembly Room

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TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Summer Church School
10:15 AM *Room 07*

Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Adult Education
11:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Our Guest Preacher Today

Kelsey Lambright lives in Mountainside, New Jersey, with her daughter, Celeste, and her husband, Marcus, who is the pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church. She recently completed her Ph.D. in Practical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary and now serves on the Seminary staff.

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.

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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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