**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

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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

Second Lesson
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon
Let It Grow

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

Postlude  Rondo  Rachel Laurin

Preacher  Musicians  Livestream
Kelsey Lambright  Solo Bells,  Jeff Santoro
Liturgist  Robert Lamb  Ryan Santoro
Lauren J. McFeaters  Summer Choir,  Cover Art
Time with Children  Noel Werner, director and  “Circle” a linocut by
Elizabeth Steel  organist  Elizabeth Steele Halstead.
Sound Engineer  Jonathan Lara
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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**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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**Our Guest Preacher Today**

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