Gathering

Prelude       La cathédral engloutie       Claude Debussy

Introit       Come into God’s Presence       Anonymous

Call to Worship

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and
of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed
by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the
evening shout for joy.
Let us worship the living and loving God!

Opening Hymn       Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven       Red Hymnal 620

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
your creatures cry, creation groans, and we turn away.
We surround ourselves with noise and are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: We are young, we are old, we are tired, we are busy. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through us until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. 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

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
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Words of Welcome
Proclaiming the Word

Time with Children

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Prayer for Illumination

John 6:68; 2 Timothy 4:18

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
By your Spirit make yourself known to us
through the reading and preaching of your Word,
that we might be faithful witnesses in this life
and joyful companions in the next,
even with Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Joel 2:23-27 pg 848

Second Lesson

Luke 18:9-14 pg 81

Sermon

Mercy Saints Alive Lauren J. McFeaters

Thanksgiving

Sermon Hymn

Jesus, Lover of My Soul Red Hymnal 440

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5–11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even
death on a cross.
Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Offertory                Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake        Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

*Doxology                     Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow        Hal Hopson

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

* Sending

* Closing Hymn        Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing        Red Hymnal 475

* Benediction

* Response                Going and Coming                Joachim Schwartz

Postlude                Jubilation on Lauda Anima        Alice Jordan
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The Week Ahead

Monday, August 21
7:00 PM  New Deacon Training
          Church Office

Tuesday, August 22
NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday, August 23
NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, August 24
10:00 AM  Al-Anon
          Assembly Room

3:00 PM  Funeral - Geraldine “Gerry” Sessa
          Niles Chapel

Friday, August 25
8:00 AM  Men’s Breakfast
          Zoom

Saturday, August 26
NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, August 27
8:00 AM  Summer Choir
          Music Room

9:00 AM  Summer Bell Choir
          Sanctuary

10:00 AM  Worship
          Sanctuary

10:15 AM  Summer Church School
          Room 07

11:00 AM  Fellowship
          Front Plaza
**TODAY AT NASSAU**

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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.

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**Tending the Flock**

**Deaths**

- **Carol Phelps Morris Lockwood,** mother of Linda Jesse, mother-in-law of Barry Jesse, grandmother of Alexandria, on August 13, 2023, in Whiting, New Jersey.
- **Geraldine “Gerry” Sessa,** on August 14, 2023, in Hillsborough, New Jersey. A Service in Witness to the Resurrection will take place Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 3:00 PM in the chapel.

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**A Reminder**

Beginning September 10, we will return to two worship services: in-person and livestream at 9:15 AM; in-person only at 11:00 AM.