

# Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 20, 2023 10:00 AM

If you are worshiping 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 La cathédral engloutie Claude Debussy

• Introit Come into God's Presence Anonymous

Call to Worship

Psalm 65:5-8

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

Romans 8:12-25

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

Red Hymnal 582

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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

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.

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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

Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgist and Time with Children

Elizabeth Steel

Musicians

Miriam Eley, pianist

Summer Choir,

Don Dolan, director and

organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

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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

9:00 AM Summer Choir

Music Room

9:00 AM Summer Bell Choir

Sanctuary

10:00 AM Worship

Sanctuary

10:15 AM Summer Church School

Room o7

11:00 AM Fellowship

Front Plaza

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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

Usher Orientation 11:30 AM Assembly Room

# Tending the Flock

Deaths

Carol Phelps Morris Lockwood, mother of Linda Jesse, mother-inlaw 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.

# A Reminder

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

### 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.

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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