Who is My Neighbor?

Nassau Presbyterian Church
February 25, 2024   9:15 & 11:00 AM
Second Sunday in Lent
Gathering

Prelude  Journey to Wholeness  Angela Craft Cross
II. Empathy

• Introit  The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Peace  Taizé

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

• Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who has done great things.
We rejoice in our God,
who made a way through the desert of this world.
Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow.
Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

• Opening Hymn  What Wondrous Love Is This  Red Hymnal 215
Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Response O Lord, Have Mercy Guarini melody Paraguay

O Lord have mercy, O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ have mercy, O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God’s love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
Anthem (9:15) Lord of All Hopefulness  
Jan Struther  
arr. Andrew Bruhn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Proclaiming the Word

Time with Children

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

11:00 Children age three to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers, room 302, third floor.

Words of Welcome

We invite you to fill out the fellowship pads you will find in the pews. If you are watching the livestream we invite you to fill out the virtual fellowship pad: nassauchurch.org/check-in.
Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God,
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your Word,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson       Within Our Darkest Night         Blue Psalter 88A
                              (pg 538-539)

Second Scripture Lesson     Luke 8:26-39                        pg 68

Sermon                        Evil Contained             David A. Davis

Thanksgiving

* Sermon Hymn       There Is a Balm in Gilead             Red Hymnal 792
* Affirmation of Faith
  
  We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made
  manifest in the church as the community of believers
  who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
  that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation
  for the church of Jesus Christ;
  that through the working of God’s Spirit
  it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality
  which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
  one which the people of God
  must continually be built up to attain; (cont.)
that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. Thanks be to God.

Offertory Jesus, Lover of My Soul  
L.L. Fleming  
text: Charles Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Savior hide, till the storm of life be past;  
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness, false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.  
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

Doxology Lord of All Good  
Red Hymnal 711  
Verse 3

Maker, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows;  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

- Closing Hymn  My Faith Looks Up to Thee  Red Hymnal 829
  Hunger Offering

- Benediction

Postlude  Journey to Wholeness  Angela Kraft Cross
III. Healing

Musical Note
The prelude and postlude were composed by an organist who also had a long career as an ophthalmic surgeon. The pieces presented today are part of a three-movement work that traces the progression of a person through the trial of illness. The first movement, not heard today, includes themes of heroism and anxiety as one grapples with confronting and living through illness. A helpful caregiver arrives in the second movement, their empathetic connection symbolized in the interweaving of the melodic lines. The last movement incorporates all of the aforementioned themes, describing in music an attempt at quick recovery, the return of the empathetic friend, the beginning of true healing, and the gift of wholeness.

Preacher
David A. Davis

Liturgists
11:00: Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children
Carol Wehrheim

Musicians
Choir 3-4-5 (9:15)
Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Adult Choir
Noel Werner, director
Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer
Nick Mastalesz

Livestream
Ian Lewono
Tom Coogan

Cover Art
"Who is My Neighbor?" by Austin Boland-Ferguson
**Lenten Worship**

In the Sanctuary unless otherwise indicated.
*Services that will be livestreamed.

**Lent III**
Sunday, March 3, 9:15* & 11:00 AM  
LUKE 15

**Lent IV**
Sunday, March 10, 9:15* & 11:00 AM  
ACTS 8: 26–40

**Lenten Communion**
Tuesday, March 12, 1:30 PM  
at Stonebridge  
JOHN 17 : 1,11-13

**Lent V (Youth Sunday)**
One Service only  
Sunday, March 17, 11:00 AM*  
(education for all ages at 9:30 AM)  
ACTS 5: 16–29

**Lenten Communion**
Tuesday, March 19, 1:30 PM  
at Princeton Windrows  
JOHN 17 : 1,11-13

**Palm Sunday**
March 24, 9:15* & 11:00 AM  
LUKE 7: 11–17

**Service of Wholeness & Healing**
March 24, 2:00 PM  
Niles Chapel  
ROMANS 8: 26–28

**Maundy Thursday (Communion)**
March 28, 7:30 PM*  
Tenebrae Readings:  
MATTHEW 26: 20–25;  
LUKE 22: 39–44;  
MARK 14: 26-31, 66–72;  
MATTHEW 26: 59–67;  
MARK 15: 12–20; LUKE 23: 33–46

**Good Friday**
March 29, 12:00 PM*  
The Way of the Cross:  
Readings from LUKE 22:39 - 23:49

**Easter Sunday**
March 31, 6:30 AM Princeton Cemetery

**Easter Sunday**
March 31, 9:00 & 11:00 AM*  
MARK 16 : 1-18

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**Tending The Flock**

Birth — Konrad Ithaca Johnson, son of Anna and Konrad Johnson, brother of Rory, and grandson of Nancy Lammers Gross, on February 7, 2024, in Plainsboro, New Jersey.

Death — Suzanne Napoleon, sister of Sarah Ringer, on February 12, 2024, in Venice, Florida.
## The Week Ahead

### Monday, February 26
- **5:30 PM**  
  *Festival Ringers*  
  Music Room
- **7:00 PM**  
  *Art of Faithfulness: Creatio Divina*  
  Conference Room

### Tuesday, February 27
- **9:30 AM**  
  *Staff Meeting/Devotions*  
  Niles Chapel
- **1:30 PM**  
  *Grace Note Singers*  
  Stonebridge at Montgomery
- **6:30 PM**  
  *Presbytery*  
  Zoom
- **7:00 PM**  
  *Mission and Outreach Committee*  
  Zoom
- **7:00 PM**  
  *Worship and Arts Committee*  
  Assembly Room

### Wednesday, February 28
- **4:15 PM**  
  *Carol Choir*  
  Music Room
- **5:15 PM**  
  *Choir 3-4-5*  
  Music Room
- **7:30 PM**  
  *Adult Choir*  
  Music Room

### Thursday, February 29
- **10:00 AM**  
  *Al-Anon*  
  Conference Room

### Friday, March 1
- **8:00 AM**  
  *Men's Breakfast*  
  Zoom
- **5:30 PM**  
  *Club 3-4-5*  
  Assembly Room

### Saturday, March 2
- **9:30 AM**  
  *Art of Faithfulness: Murals in Motion*  
  Assembly Room
- **5:30 PM**  
  *Confirmation Retreat #3*  
  Room 301

### Sunday, March 3
- **8:00 AM**  
  *Teacher Appreciation Breakfast*  
  Conference Room
- **9:15/9:30 AM**  
  *Education for All Ages*  
  Assembly Room & Classrooms
- **9:15 AM**  
  *Worship - Reception of New Members*  
  Sanctuary & Livestream
- **10:05 AM**  
  *Joyful Noise*  
  Niles Chapel
- **10:15 AM**  
  *Fellowship*  
  Assembly Room
- **10:30 AM**  
  *Carol Choir*  
  Niles Chapel
- **11:00 AM**  
  *Worship*  
  Sanctuary
- **11:15 AM**  
  *Worship Explorers*  
  Room 302
- **5:00 PM**  
  *Cantorei*  
  Music Room
- **5:00 PM**  
  *Middle School Fellowship*  
  Room 301
- **6:00 PM**  
  *Youth Fellowship Dinner*  
  Assembly Room
- **6:30 PM**  
  *Breaking Bread Worship*  
  Niles Chapel
- **6:40 PM**  
  *Chorale*  
  Music Room
- **6:40 PM**  
  *Senior High Fellowship*  
  Room 301
- **7:30 PM**  
  *Breaking Bread Dinner*  
  Assembly Room
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), 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Church School takes place during the 9:15 AM service. Classes for grades 6 to 12 begin at 9:15 AM. Preschoolers to grade 5 participate in the first part of the service and are then dismissed to their classes. All classes conclude at 10:30 AM.

Worship Explorers is a child-focused alternative worship setting during 11:00 AM worship for children age 3 to grade 3. Children attend the first part of the service and are then dismissed to Room 302 (Third Floor).

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.

Please note today’s Memorial Service for Gene DeNagel will be rescheduled for a later date.