Gathering

Prelude  
What God Ordains is Always Good  
J.P. Kellner

• Introit  
Spirit of the Living God  
Red Hymnal 288

• Call to Worship  
Love the Lord your God, with all your heart.  
*Love the Lord you God, with all your soul.*  
Love the Lord your God, with all your strength.  
*Love the Lord your God, with all your mind!*  
Love your neighbor as yourself, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your strength,  
and with all your mind!  
*Let us worship the living and loving God!*  

• Opening Hymn  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Red Hymnal 1

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.  
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.  
We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy upon us and in your great compassion,  
restore to us the joy of your salvation.  
We pray in the name and for the sake  
of Jesus, you Son, our Savior. 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

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.

**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

**Holy God,**

by the breath of your Spirit, inspire us.

As we hear your Word,

fill us with new understanding

and fresh desire to please you in all we do,

for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Lesson  Psalm 100  pg 552

Scripture Lesson  Matthew 13:1-23  pg 13

Sermon  The Gospel of Life  Nate Stucky
**Thanksgiving**

- **Sermon Hymn**       A Sower Came from Ancient Hills       Red Hymnal 171

- **Affirmation of Faith**
  from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

  In a broken and fearful world
  the Spirit gives us courage
  to pray without ceasing,
  to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
  to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
  to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
  and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
  In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
  we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
  and to live holy and joyful lives,
  even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
  praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”
  Thanks be to God.

- **Offertory**       Te Invocamus       J.G. Albrechtsberger

- **Doxology**       Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow       Red Hymnal 608

  Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Sending**

- **Closing Hymn**       For the Fruit of All Creation       Red Hymnal 36
  Hunger Offering

- **Benediction**
About Today's Guest Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. Nathan “Nate” Stucky, serves as Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary. He grew up on a farm in Kansas where his love for Christian faith and agriculture first took root. His scholarship explores questions of land, ecology, theology, agriculture, justice, joy, and Sabbath as they relate to theological education. He is the author of Wrestling with Rest: Inviting Youth to Discover the Gift of Sabbath. Ordained in the Mennonite Church (USA), Stucky engages Farminary work as integral to his calling to teaching ministry. He and his spouse Janel, have three children, Joshua, Jenna, and Isaac.

About Today's Guest Liturgist:
The Rev. Dr. Carrie Mitchell serves as a Church Consultant with the PC (USA)’s Board of Pensions. Her territory follows the I-95 corridor from Washington DC to the Canadian border. Prior to joining the Board, she was a pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford in New York. Before responding to a call to ministry, Carrie promoted exports of US telecommunications goods and services. She first served the Federal Government's International Trade Administration and then GTE Telecommunications. Carrie ministers in the belief God created humanity good with gifts we are each called to share. She and her spouse Bill, have two children, Rachel and Wes.
The Week Ahead

Monday, May 27
OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 28
1:30 PM Grace Note Singers  
Stonebridge at Montgomery
7:00 PM Worship and Arts Committee  
Assembly Room

Wednesday, May 29
NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Thursday, May 30
10:00 AM Al-Anon  
Conference Room

Friday, May 31
8:00 AM Men's Breakfast  
Zoom

Saturday, June 1
NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, June 2
9:00 AM Adult Education  
Assembly Room
10:00 AM Worship - Communion  
Sanctuary & Livestream
10:15 AM Summer Church School  
Room 07
11:00 AM Fellowship  
Front Plaza
11:15 AM Share Your Gifts - Talent Show  
Assembly Room
5:00 PM Senior Send-Off  
Assembly Room

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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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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.