

# NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 17, 2025

10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP CHANCEL DRAMA 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.

# 🕱 Gathering

Prelude Holy Manna

◆ Introit Jesus, We Are Here Patrick Matsikenyiri

Call to Worship

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places, have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

• Opening Hymn When God First Brought Us Back Blue Psalter 126A
Psalm 126

## Prayer of Confession

God of our lives,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Christ our Lord. 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 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Taizé

## Words of Welcome

We invite you to fill out the fellowship pads you will find in the pews or scan the QR code to the right. If you are watching the livestream we invite you to fill out the virtual fellowship pad: nassauchurch.org/check-in.





# Proclaiming the Word

## Prayer for Illumination

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

pg 163

Chancel Drama

The Troubbable of Zerubbabel

William Anderson

The Child of Babylon
Show Me A Rainbow
The Long Road to Freedom
Let Us Celebrate
Zerubbabel's In Troubbable
An Eternal Prayer
Gonna Build A Temple
God's With You All The Way



Offertory Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken Anon. Canadian (alt) with Yisrael V'Oraita Israeli Folk Song arr. Page

• Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

# **Sending**

• Closing Hymn

Better Is One Day

Blue Psalter 84B
Psalm 84

Benediction

• Response Shalom, chaverim! Red Hymnal 540

Postlude God's With You All The Way (Reprise) William Anderson

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

#### **Chancel Drama Week**

This past week, our ensemble of children and youth grades 3-12 have prepared *The Troubbable of Zerubbabel* for our worship today. Each afternoon we gathered for bible study, music, and staging rehearsals. We also paper mached boxes to build our temple and made 200 lunches for TASK as our mission service project! An important part of our music ministry, every August our Chancel Drama is possible because of the generosity of our many dedicated youth and adult volunteers. We give thanks to God for this community!

#### Adult & Youth Leadership

Stage Director	Heather Riehl
Music Director	Ingrid Ladendorf
Stage Manager	Julia Hill
Bible Study Leader	Elizabeth Steel
Costuming & Crafts	Marcia Wood
Daily Support	Deborah Compte
	Grace Moon
	Brandy Alexander
Photography	Karen Barrows
Potluck Organizer	Anne Lord
Sound Room Engineer	Nick Mastalesz
Livestream Operators	Doug Ladendorf
	Peter Spelda
Nassau Staff Support	Lauren Yeh
	Edie Estrada
	Verny Cano
Zerubbabel Drawing	Sophie Werner
TASK Organizers	Angie & Allen Olsen

#### Musicians

Piano	Don Dolan
Recorders	Hanka Spelda
Oboe	Keve Wilson
Percussion	Ryan McCarron
Keyboard	Ian Lewono

## **The Week Ahead**

#### Monday, August 18

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Tuesday, August 19

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

### Wednesday, August 20

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

### **Thursday, August 21**

10:00 AM AlAnon Music Room

### Friday, August 22

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

5:30 PM Loaves & Fishes Drop Off & Prep
Assembly Room

#### Saturday, August 23

7:30 AM Loaves & Fishes
St. Mary's Cathedral Trenton

### Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM Summer Choir

Music Room

10:00 AM Worship

Sanctuary

11:00 AM Fellowship

Front Plaza

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#### **TODAY AT NASSAU**

Worship - Chancel Drama 10:00 AM Sanctuary

Fellowship 11:00 AM Front Plaza

#### **CHANCEL ART AND TEXT**

The curved apse behind the pulpit, created in the 1890s, has been given new life with paint colors derived from the stained-glass windows and decorative brackets that draw the eye inward to the texts. Gold leaf, representative of light in Christian art, is used exclusively for the biblical texts: "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

The scriptural texts are reflections on what God requires of us when called to worship and sent forth into the world: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. We're reminded that YHWH,\* revealed to Moses in the burning bush, is the very one who made us and to whom we humbly offer our entire selves. Jesus is the hidden "I" that we see in all who need justice: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. Finally, we are empowered by God's abiding Spirit to show loving kindness to one another as we build a community of compassion, honesty, respect, and joyful hope.

\*Pronounced "Yahweh," God's name means "the One who brings into existence whatever exists." Out of reverence for its holiness, YHWH is normally not spoken aloud, though it is visually "unveiled" here. The usual substitution in English translations is "the Lord."

#### 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).

*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 using the QR code below or 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.

## Tending the Flock

**Death** — Patrona Rodriguez, mother-in-law of Edie Estrada, mother of Miriam Estrada, died in Salcaja, Guatemala, on August 6, 2025.

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