

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace
Light before us...

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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*Hymn 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O God of every life, we are so focused on ourselves it is hard to see the lives which others endure. We worry about our future, and fail to notice those in need around us. We grumble about our aches and pains, and ignore the broken in our midst. Forgive us, God of goodness and grace. Speak to us of healing, so we might bring help to others. Speak to us of hope, so that we may share it with everyone we meet. Speak to us of love and life, so we may offer these as freely as Jesus the Christ. Amen

Silence

Kyrie eleison

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Welcome

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

Psalm 19

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. **Nehemiah 8:5**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. **Luke 4:17-18**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Georgiann Toole

Assistants

Violet Wolford

Hazel Hitt

Chris Thatcher

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Blessing the World

Germany, France

**Hymn 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Luke 4:13-21

Sermon

“A Sense of Mission”

*Hymn 772

“Live into Hope”

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayers for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

“Sing Praise to God”

Frank Joseph Haydn

Affirmation

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*Credo

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Response

Love before us...

Peace before us...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

When oppressors join in the struggle for liberation they almost always bring with them the marks of their origin ... which include a lack of confidence in the people's ability to think, to want, and to know. They believe that they must be the executors of the transformation. They talk about the people, but they do not trust them. **Paulo Friere**

A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed? What gospel is that?

Archbishop Oscar Romero

To be committed to the poor is to enter the world of the poor, to have our residence in the world of the poor, to have friends in the world of the poor.

Austaro Autherring

Those who cannot see Christ in the poor are atheists indeed.

Dorothy Day

Flowers placed today by

the Price family fund

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

Sermons & Newsletters

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Sun 27 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Fundraiser for youth trip
9:45 a.m. Confirmation. CR 1
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH
12:15 p.m. Fundraiser for youth trip
12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee. CR 1
12:30 p.m. Committee chair meeting. FH
4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

Tue 29

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 30

12:30 p.m. Spanish class. FH

Fri 1

4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon

Sun 3 • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30*
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH
5:00 p.m. Community Dinner. Zion Episcopal

FUNDRAISER to support the youth mission trip to Baltimore (February 15-17) today, after each service. Brunch style refreshments and silent auction.

SUNDAY SEMINARS begin this year with the 2017 documentary *Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric*, an in-depth and personal exploration of our evolving understanding of gender identity. **January 27 & February 3.** Starting **February 10** we will undertake an exploration of anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing* devoted to the topic, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. Rohr writes "Anger can actually be an expression of compassion, a willingness to uphold boundaries that are sacred or stand up for someone who is being oppressed." Fellowship Hall @ 9:45. Books are in the office: \$10 each (or pay what you can.) All are welcome. Childcare provided.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING is back today at 4:30 p.m., upstairs in the choir room. Join us for a solid hour of singing hymns with good tunes and inspiring lyrics: gospel, old-time and new.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, February 3, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45-4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

Ordinary Time

Third Sunday

January 27, 2019

11:00 a.m.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Luke 4:18-19

A Prophet's Blessing

This blessing finds its way behind the bars.
This blessing works its way beneath the chains.
This blessing knows its way through a broken heart.
This blessing makes a way where there is none.

Where there is no light, this blessing.
Where there is no hope, this blessing.
Where there is no peace, this blessing.
Where there is nothing left, this blessing.

In the presence of hate.
In the absence of love.
In the torment of pain.
In the grip of fear.

To the one in need.
To the one in the cell.
To the one in the dark.
To the one in despair.

Let this blessing come as bread.
Let this blessing come as release.
Let this blessing come as sight.
Let this blessing come as freedom.

Let this blessing come.

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