

The earth is yours, O Giver of Life, in all its fulness and glory, the world and those who dwell therein. **Psalm 24:1**

You save all things because they are yours, O God, and you love all that lives, for your imperishable breath fills every one of them.

Wisdom of Solomon 11:26-12:1

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. **Isaiah 55:12**

In the beginning, there was the Word; the Word was in God's presence and the Word was God. The Word was present to God from the beginning. Through the Word all things came into being...in the Word was life. **John 1:1-4**

Christ is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, for in Christ were created all things in heaven and on earth.

Colossians 1:15-16

Reflections

Mary Anne Hitt
Rev. Bill Sitterley

Organist

Alan Ogden

Special Music

Terry Tucker

First Pew

Than Hitt

Assistants

Evelyn Groff

EV Gruber

Dave Smith

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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the ocean too
Deep peace falling on you, God's peace growing in you.

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.

Responsive Call to Worship

(insert)

Prayer

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*Hymn 15 (vs. 1-3)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we gather here today a rebellious people. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we keep getting distracted by the glitter of the world around us. You tell us to honor creation, but we use other people, animals and plant life to meet our wants. You promise us new life, and we shrink away in fear. Free us, God, lest we destroy ourselves. Show us the way of healing and peace. Amen.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Response (2x)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Welcome

Blessing the World

Botswana, Zimbabwe

**Interlude

"Blessings of the Animals"

Lisa Thiel & Ani Williams

First Pew

Parish Life

Receiving New Members & Sacrament of Baptism

Walk with me and I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through.

HEARING THE WORD

Reflection

Hymn 757 (vs. 1-3)

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Reflection

*Hymn 713

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Healing

O Beloved, *We join with the earth and with each other.*

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Spirit of the Wind"

Brooke Medicine Eagle

Affirmation

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*Credo

We believe that the divine presence of the Spirit in creation, binds us as human beings together with all created life.

We are accountable before God

in and to the whole community of life:

as servants and stewards; tillers and keepers;

nurturers and co-creators, healers and wholemakers.

We receive this call with compassion and humility,
reverence and respect.

*Blessing Song

May the blessing of God go before you,

May Her grace and peace abound

May Her Spirit live within you

May Her love wrap you round.

May Her blessing remain with you always

May you walk on holy ground.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

We must understand that these terms, God, Creator and Great Spirit, have been used to convey the concept that all things are interrelated and an equal part of the whole: That we are like drops of rain which will one day return to the ocean, that we are like candles lit by the sun, forever part of it. **White Deer of Autumn**

And into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul.

John Muir

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush
afire with God;
But only they who see
Takes off their shoes
The rest sit around it
And pluck blackberries.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word manifests itself in every creature.

Hildegard of Bingen

Only God decides what to anoint—which, thank God, is all of creation and all of humanity from the beginning. No exceptions. Our Christian word for all anointed reality is "Christ."

Richard Rohr

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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the Price family fund

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

Blessing Song, Words & Music
by Miriam Theresa Winter.

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 28 • Second Sunday of Easter/Earth Day Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship. Reflections by Mary Anne Hitt & Bill Sitterley
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee committee meeting. Classroom No. 1
4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

Mon 29

1:00 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance. Classroom No. 1

Wed 1

7:00 p.m. Evening prayer in song, silence and candlelight
7:00 p.m. Parish Care committee meeting. Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Thu 2

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall

Sun 5 • Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6; (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

SUNDAY SEMINARS: The Gospel of Mary. April 28 & May 5. 9:45 a.m. The Gospel of Mary, the only gospel whose main character is a woman. Mary (presumably of Magdala) is Jesus' confidante, with whom he shared insights not shared with the other disciples. Mary shores up the others when they fear that preaching the gospel will get them killed too. Mary is conversant with Greek philosophy. This gospel is contemporaneous with books included in the New Testament. We'll also critique the canon process. Copies of the text are available in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE "Herodias and Herodias: Not So Sexy after All" in the book *Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex and Salvation*.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, May 5, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to Perfect-Potluck.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.

STORIES FROM COLOMBIA, May 19 9:45 a.m.

Jeff Hornbeck will share his experience from his one month with the Presbyterian Colombia Accompaniment program.

MISSION FAIR. *Sharing gratitude, awareness, and possibilities with our congregation.* After each service, **Sunday, June 2.** Join us in the Fellowship Hall to see and celebrate SPC's mission engagement in our community and our world.

Eastertide
Second Sunday

April 28, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Invocation

Architect of icebergs, snowflakes,
crystals, rainbows, sand grains, dust motes, atoms.
Mason whose tools are glaciers, rain, rivers, ocean.

Chemist who made blood
of seawater, bone of minerals in stone, milk of love.

Whatever you are, I know this,
Spinner, you are everywhere, in All The Ever-
Changing Above, whirling around us.

Yes, in the loose strands,
in the rough weave of the common cloth
threaded with our DNA on the hubbed, spoked
Spinning Wheel that is this world, solar system, galaxy, universe.

Help us to see ourselves in all creation,
and all creation in ourselves, ourselves in one another.

Remind those of us who like connections
made with similes, metaphors, symbols
all of us are, everything is already connected.

Remind us as the oceans go, so go we. As the air goes, so go we.
As other life forms on Earth go, so go we.

As our planet goes, so go we. Great Poet,
who inspired In The Beginning was The Word . . . ,
edit our thoughts so our ethics are our politics,
and our actions the afterlives of our words.

Everett Hoagland

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