

O my Beloved, you are my shepherd, I shall not want; You bring me to green pastures for rest and lead me beside still waters. You prepare a table before me in the presence of all my fears; you bless me with oil, my cup overflows

**Psalm 23** (Merrill)

Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the dead body and said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes and sat up. **Acts 9:40-41**

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

**John 10:27**

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**Revelation 7:16-17**

**Worship Leaders**

Catherine Irwin  
Phil Baker-Shenk

**Reflections**

Jeff Hornbeck  
Julie Tucker

**Organist**

Alan Ogden

**Choir Director**

Georgiann Toole

**Assistants**

Trixie Gibbs  
William Gibbs

**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)

Holy Spirit, come. Make my eyes to see. Make my ears to hear. Make my mouth to speak. Make my heart to sing and my hands to reach out and touch the world with your love.

**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 Worship**

Lift up your hearts

*We lift them up to the Lord*

**Prayer**

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**\*Hymn 248**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

**ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in right paths, in the way of goodness and mercy, but we allow our rage, our greed, even our hate, to lead us. We overreact, we take more than our share, we despise those not like ourselves. Forgive us, God, for not following you. Help us hear your voice, and guide us back to your way, to loving you and others as you have loved us. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen

**Kyrie eleison** (2x)

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Response** (2x)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

**Welcome**

**Blessing the World**  
Angola, Mozambique

**\*\*Hymn 7**

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

**Parish Life**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

(front cover)

**Interlude**

**Reflection**

**Hymn 749**

"Come! Live in the Light!"

**Reflection**

**\*Hymn 762**

"When the Poor Ones"

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Prayer for Others**

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Carlton T. Russell

**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**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Friends, every day do something that won't compute... Love the world. Work for nothing... Love someone who does not deserve it... Ask the questions that have no answers... Plant sequoias... put your faith in two inches of humus that will build under the trees every thousand years... be joyful [even] though you have considered all the facts.

**Wendell Berry**

Human shepherds keep their flocks safe by herding them along well-worn paths. But the Divine Shepherd is not about safety. The Divine Shepherd is about freedom, justice, and compassion. Where human shepherds call their flocks back to the familiar path, God calls us to the opposite.

**Rabbi Rami Shapiro**

To become a good shepherd is to come out of the shell of selfishness in order to be attentive to those for whom we are responsible so as to reveal to them their fundamental beauty and value and help them to grow and become fully alive. **Jean Vanier**

Our true mother, Jesus, he who is all love, bears us into joy and eternal life; blessed may he be!

**Julian of Norwich**

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

**Flowers placed by**

John Burns  
in celebration of  
Helen's 90th Birthday

**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 12 • Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Reflections by Jeff Hornbeck & Julie Tucker

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee support group. Classroom No. 1

**Tue 14**

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed committee meeting. Classroom No. 1

**Wed 15**

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices. Library

12:30 p.m. Spanish class. Fellowship Hall

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

**Thu 16**

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1

7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

**Sat 18**

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Parish Care. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 19 • Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Stories from Colombia. Fellowship Hall

12:15 p.m. More Light group. Classroom No. 1

**EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES.** The topic for the Wednesday, May 15 ESP, will be "Understanding and Practicing Forgiveness".

**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.

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**Eastertide**  
Fourth Sunday

**May 12, 2019**  
11:00 a.m.

**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my Shepherd. I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
beside the still waters She will lead.

*She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in the path of good things,  
And fills my heart with songs.*

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,  
There is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said she won't forsake me,  
I'm in her hand.

*She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes.  
She anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup overflows.*

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me  
All the days of my life,  
And I will live in her house,  
Forever, forever, and ever.

*Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,  
And to the Holy of Holies.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.*

**Bobby McFerrin**

(Dedicated to my mother)

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