

The Beloved is gracious to us, a loving Presence within us; The Radiant One shines in us. O, that Love's Way would be lived throughout the earth, Love's abiding power embraced by all the nations.

Psalm 67 (Nan Merrill)

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:1-2

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. **John 14:26-27**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Acts 16:9

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Rev. Bill Sitterley
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Georgiann Toole
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Alan Ogden
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GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor.

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 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from all that keeps us from love. Lead us toward wholeness, fill us with your joy, and inspire us to mend the brokenness in our lives and in our world.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

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

Blessing the World

Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

**Hymn 623

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

**First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

(front cover)

Interlude

Lesson

John 14:23-29

Sermon

"A Parting Gift"

*Hymn 692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

O Beloved, *Send out your Spirit.*

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"How Can I Keep From Singing"
arr. Ginger Littleton

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

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The one journey that ultimately matters is the journey into the place of stillness deep within one's self. **Gordon Cosby**

I believe it to be a great mistake to present Christianity as something charming and popular with no offense in it . . . Whatever [Jesus'] peace was, it was not the peace of an amiable indifference. **Dorothy Sayers**

We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God. **Thomas Merton**

There is, deep within, one voice, at once very strong and very gentle, that can calm the storm. **Elaine Prevallet**

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

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.

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 26 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

4:30 p.m. Community hymn sing. Choir Room

Wed 29

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

Thu 30

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

Sun 2 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

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

9:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Mission Fair. Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

ATTENTION! Construction on the kitchen will begin June 3 and last until August 2. There will be NO access to the kitchen during this time including entering through the kitchen door. All handicap access will be via the portico ramp. Appliances and cabinets will be stored in one end of the Fellowship Hall but it will continue to be available for meetings and gatherings.

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.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, June 2, 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.

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP! The Women's Circle celebrates the end of this season with their annual salad/dessert luncheon at the home of Helen Burns **June 6 at 11:00 a.m.** Bread, iced tea, plates, etc., will be

provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. All women of the church are invited to join us.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PETE MADEO will be held in the barn at the Madeo's home, 9349 Stottlemeyer Rd., Boonsboro, MD, **June 8, 2:00-5:00 p.m.** An early dinner will be served after the service. Dress is casual. Contact the office for directions.

PENTECOST OFFERING, Sunday, June 9. Split equally between Caring Cupboard which supplies food to school children for the weekend and the PCUSA Youth Mission Fund.

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH. SPC will celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community with an interfaith service on Saturday, June 29, 10:00 a.m. to kick off Panhandle Pride 2019, (which begins at 11:00 a.m.) SPC will have a pride table; please contact Jeananne Stine if you can take a shift. On July 7, we will observe More Light Sunday at both services; this year, we will remember key moments in our "rainbow history" and share stories about how God's infinite abundance has shown up in our ongoing journey of welcome to our LGBTQIA+ family.

Eastertide
Sixth Sunday

May 26, 2019
11:00 a.m.

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life
and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives
with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Wendell Berry

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