

The Bestower of Life reigns with mercy, let the earth rejoice! Let the heavens be glad! Justice preserves creation, allowing it to blossom and thrive; hidden within creation, You are the Heart of everything. **Psalm 97** (Merrill)

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

**Acts 16:29-31**

The glory that you have given me, I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**John 17:22-23**

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

**Revelation 22:17**

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## GATHERING OUR HEARTS

### Introit (2x)

The kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom

### 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 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

## ENCOUNTERING GRACE

### Prayer for Wholeness

God, our wounds and fears run deep. So often, we are stuck in our stories, and see only our own point of view. We seek out those who are like us, and do not venture outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and peace, we ignore the lost and the lonely. Transform our fears, and open us to new possibilities of life, love and communion, in the way and in the Spirit of Christ.

### Kyrie eleison (2x)

### Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

### \*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### Welcome

### Blessing the World

Bolivia, Chile, Peru

### \*\*Song (2x)

What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?  
To seek justice and love kindness  
and walk humbly with your God.

### First Pew

### Parish Life

### Memorial prayer

### Hymn 306 (vs. 1-3)

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

## HEARING THE WORD

### Reading

(front cover)

### Interlude

### Lesson

John 17:20-24

### Sermon

"Being One: The New Math"

### \*Hymn 754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

## SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Communion

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.  
(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

## SERVING THE WORLD

### Presenting Offerings

### Offertory

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"

Traditional; Arr. Mark Schweitzer

### 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

In necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity. **Augustine**

The hardest spiritual work in the world is to love the neighbor as the self: to encounter another human being not as someone you can use, change, fix, help, save, enroll, convince or control, but simply as someone who can spring you from the prison of yourself, if you will allow it.

**Barbara Brown Taylor**

We are all in the same boat in a stormy sea, and we owe each other a terrible loyalty.

**G.K. Chesterton**

Where love rules, there is no will to power; and where power predominates, there love is lacking. The one is the shadow of the other. **C.G. Jung**

Conversion is always moving from "I" to "we". **Richard Rohr**

\* stand if you are able

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

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### 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 2 • Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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

**Wed 5**

4:00 p.m. Social Justice committee. Classroom No. 1

6:30 p.m. Choir potluck. Hosted by Georgiann Toole

**Thu 6**

11:00 a.m. Women's Circle luncheon. Hosted by Helen Burns

**Sat 8**

2:00 p.m. Memorial service for Pete Madeo

**Sun 9 • Pentecost Sunday (don't forget to wear red)**

*Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)*

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

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

**COMMUNION TODAY:** All are welcome to participate. The bread is gluten free; the "wine" is alcohol free.

**COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, June 2, 5:00 p.m.,** Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Drop off hot food 3:45-4:15 p.m. Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PETE MADEO** will be held in the barn at the Madeo's home, **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.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY:** An Open Conversation. **Sunday June 23 @ 9:45 a.m.** Please join us

for this opportunity to reflect together on our ongoing transition. We have grown and changed as a church family in the last two years. Let's come together to take a breath, reaffirm our connectedness and renew our intentions for the journey ahead. Hosted by the Strategic Visioning Team and SPC Session.

**JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH,** and SPC will celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community in several ways: On **Saturday, June 29, 10:00 a.m.** we will host an interfaith Service of Blessing to kick off Panhandle Pride 2019, (which begins at 11:00 a.m. in downtown Shepherdstown). We will also have a table at Pride -- please contact Jeananne Stine if you can take a shift. On July 7, we will observe More Light Sunday; 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.

**Eastertide**  
Seventh Sunday

**June 2, 2019**  
11:00 a.m.

Blessed sister, holy mother,  
spirit of the fountain, spirit of the garden,  
Suffer us not to mock ourselves with falsehood

Teach us to care and not to care

Teach us to sit still

Even among these rocks,

Our peace in His will

And even among these rocks

Sister, mother

And spirit of the river, spirit of the sea,

Suffer me not to be separated

And let my cry come unto Thee.

These are the concluding verses  
of a long poem by T.S. Eliot  
entitled Ash Wednesday

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