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Sun 30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:30 a.m. Sunday seminar. Classroom No. 1
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

Sun 6 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:15 a.m. Blood pressure clinic. Narthex
9:30 a.m. Sunday seminar. Classroom No. 1
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

WORSHIP August 6: Rev. Layton Williams. Lessons: *Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7, 15; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21*

SUMMER SUNDAY SEMINAR
Practicing Presence: Meditation, Mindfulness and Prayer. Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Classroom No. 1. **August 6:** The Discipline of Solitude, led by Rob Glenn.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, August 6, 6:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or go to Perfect Potluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 4:45–5:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT committee meeting, Sunday, August 13, 12:15 p.m. Classroom No. 1.

YOUTH POOL PARTY @ Judy York's home, **Sunday, August 13, 12:30-3:00 p.m.** Food and snacks provided, plus decisions of what events the youth want to participate in the upcoming year.

TEACHER ORIENTATION for Sunday Studio, **Saturday, August 19, 9:00 a.m.**

BOOK DISCUSSION. Sunday, August 20, 4-5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things* continues the discussion on racism Based on an actual incident, it is a powerful and relevant book.

MOVING UP CEREMONY. Sunday, August 27 at the 10:45 service. Let the

office know your child's grade level.

SPC SUMMER PICNIC *The whole congregation together in one place at one time. Sunday, August 27, 5:00 p.m.,* at Morgan's Grove Park. Bring a dish to serve 12. Assignments per last name A-H: dessert; I-P side dish; Q-Z: vegetable or salad. Chicken, beverages, plates and flatware are provided. Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after. Contact office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Sunday, Sept. 10, 9:25 a.m. Sanctuary. Highlights of the past and coming year. Election of elders and deacons. Childcare will be available.

OUR SUNDAY STUDIO KIDS needs teachers! Those wonderful, smart little people need you a few times a year to be their teacher. Contact Amanda Groff via the office.

TRANSITION QUESTIONS. All questions and/or concerns should be directed to the Stated Clerk of Session, SuellenMyers via transition-questions@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org or Office Manager Kathy Reid via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

SHARE YOUR GARDEN surplus with others. Place your surplus vegetables and fruit in boxes or bags and leave in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUR FAITHFULNESS and generosity to the church has been outstanding again this year. Your continuing support is needed and greatly appreciated. SPC Finance Committee.

Ordinary Time
Seventeenth Sunday

July 30, 2017
10:45 a.m.

SEED OF FAITH

Within you lies a hidden treasure, unseen,
a tiny mustard seed of faith,
planted there by God, and growing
by means you cannot know.

It is your blossoming toward God,
your soul's yearning to return,
Your secret desire to love the universe whole,
the part of you that reaches toward the light,
with miraculous power.

You don't have to believe in your own faith.
It is not a matter of your own effort or goodness.
It is God, growing in you.

Just trust that the seed is there in the soil,
Pay attention to it, though you can't understand it.

Guard it, though it is mystery to you.
Be mindful of its swellings, its movements.
Clear a space for it.
Give it silence.

Listen to it.
Honor it in all that you do.

One day, without your knowing it,
God will be sitting in its shade,
eating fruit.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:31-32

Worship Leaders

Jerry Thomas
Leslie Williams

Reflections

Lois Spreen
Christa Joyce

Assistants

Gino Santacroce
Ava Joyce

Piano

Kari Edge

Offertory

Bethany Przybocki

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of "fairly traded" coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare

Available in the nursery.
See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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 25**

"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"

GRACE ABOUND

Prayer of Confession

O Beloved, you call us to the way of compassion and peace, but we prefer power and comfort. We support systems of privilege and violence, and fail to see all those who suffer. Give us new vision to imagine your kingdom coming in our world and in our lives today, and grant us the courage to create it with you. In the way and in the spirit of Jesus.

Kyrie (2x)

Kyrie eleison

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Doxology (Hymn 606)**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise True God whom we adore

Welcome

Blessing the World

Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

Hymn 410

"God Is Calling Through the Whisper"

Parish Life

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Reflection

Matthew 13:31-33

Hymn 692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Reflection

Romans 8:26-39

***Hymn 625 (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

"How Great Thou Art"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"You Are For Me"

Kari Jobe

Affirmation

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***Acclamation**

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 (2x)**

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

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In every seed of every weed, in the knee joint of a dead wasp's leg, the structure of the Whole of Reality is laid bare for those who have eyes to see.

Frederick Franck

The more alert we become to the blessing that flows into us through everything we touch, the more our own touch will bring blessing.

David Steindl-Rast

Everything is grace!

Therese of Lisieux

Instructions for living a life.

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it.

Mary Oliver

The truth is that the treasure lies within our very selves.

Teresa of Avila

Flowers placed by

The Price family fund

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

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