

He has told you, O mortal,
what is good; and what does
the Lord require of you but to
do justice, and to love kind-
ness, and to walk humbly with
your God? **Micah 6:8**

Do you not know that you are
God's temple and that God's
Spirit dwells in you?
1 Cor. 3:16

Do not be conformed to this
world, but be transformed by
the renewal of your mind.
Romans 12:2

For God has not given us a
spirit of fear and timidity, but
of power, love, and self-disci-
pline. **2 Timothy 1:7**

Guest Preacher

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Lois Spreen
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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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,
and in your light we shall see true light.
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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 744**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ, you seek to unite
all things in heaven and in earth, and to reconcile all people to
one another and to You. We confess that the new creation is not
yet complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that
separate us from each other and from your creation. Free us. Help
us tear down walls of selfishness, greed and fear. Fill us with your
spirit of oneness, and empower us to love, fully and freely, in the
way and in the spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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

Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

****Hymn 20**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial Prayer

Hymn 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

(front cover)

Interlude

Sermon

"Living the Questions"

***Hymn 525**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia.

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Christ Who Is My Life"
Johann Pachelbel

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 (2x)**

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

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The greatest need of our time is
to clean out the enormous mass
of mental and emotional rubbish
that clutters our minds.

Thomas Merton

The prophetic tasks of the church
are to speak the truth to a society
that lives in illusion, grieve in a
society that practices denial, and
express hope in a society that
lives in despair.

Walter Brueggemann

Injustice anywhere is a threat
to justice everywhere. We are
caught in an inescapable net-
work of mutuality, tied in a sin-
gle garment of destiny. Whatever
affects one directly, affects all in-
directly. **Martin Luther King Jr.**

Apprehend God in all things, for
God is in all things. Every single
creature is full of God and is a
book about God. Every creature
is a word of God.

Meister Eckhart

God alone is enough.

Teresa of Ávila

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

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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 4 • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church

Sun 11 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections by Joshua Nolen and Dave Smith

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20; Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23; Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16; Luke 12:32–40

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

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

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, August 4, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. 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.

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

CARING CUPBOARD. September is SPC’s turn to pack and deliver bags to our two local schools. Meet Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. at the Lutheran Parish House on King Street. Contact Suellen Myers via the office if you can help.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING POSTPONED due to scheduling constraints with the Shenandoah Presbytery Committee on Pastoral Transition (CPT). The congregational meeting originally scheduled for August 11 will be rescheduled as soon as possible. The Pastor Nominating Committee is continuing to work with CPT and will have more information soon. The PNC welcomes your continuing prayers and thanks you for supporting us on this journey.

BOOK BAGS FOR NEEDY KIDS PROGRAM. SPC has been matched with Jefferson High School to help provide needy kids with book bags and basic school supplies. Leave items in the collection box in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, August 11.** Items needed: larger, durable, new backpacks appropriate to high school age students, notebook paper (college ruled), pencils (regular and mechanical), ballpoint pens, pocket folders, single subject spiral notebooks, tissues.

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 are appreciated again this year. Remember that expenses continue through the summer months. Your continuing support is needed and greatly appreciated. SPC Finance Committee.

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Ordinary Time
Eighteenth Sunday

August 4, 2019
11:00 a.m.

The Lord’s Prayer

(One possible translation from Aramaic)

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,
Focus your Light within us—make it useful:

Create your reign of unity now—

Your one desire then acts with ours,

As in all light, so in all forms.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.

Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,

As we release the strands we hold of others’ guilt.

Don’t let surface things delude us.

But free us from what holds us back.

From you is born all shaping will,

the power and the life to do,

the song that beautifies all,

from age to age it renews.

Truly—power to these statements—

May they be the ground from which all

My actions grow: Amen.

Neil Douglas-Klotz

Prayers of the Cosmos

Please Note: The sermon today, “Living the Questions,” will respond to your questions about theology, faith, church, spirituality, social action; what question is on your heart today? Please write your question on the index card (see pew pockets) and we will collect them after Parish Life. Thank you!

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