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Sunday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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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

Tue 8
10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. Fellowship Hall

Thu 10
7:00 p.m. Youth education committee. Classroom No. 1

Sat 12
6:30 p.m. Movable Feast supper group. Home of Esther & Tim Murphy

Sun 13 19th 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
12:15 p.m. Refugee resettlement committee. Classroom No. 1
12:30 p.m. Youth pool party. Home of Judy York & Sheila Dillow

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

WORSHIP August 13: Reflections: Yvonne Fisher and John Mason. Lessons: *Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33.*

HISPANIC MISSION FOOD outreach Sundays, August 6, 13, & 20 for Hispanic migrant workers. The most requested items are: rice, dry (not canned) pinto beans, potatoes, salt, sugar, cooking oil, and coffee. Place items in the bushel baskets in narthex or office foyer.

SUMMER SUNDAY SEMINAR *Practicing Presence: Meditation, Mindfulness & Prayer.* Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Classroom No. 1. **August 13:** Lectio Divina, led by Ethel Hornbeck.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, August 6, 6:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Drop off hot food 4:45-5:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime. Please use disposable containers.

YOUTH POOL PARTY @ Judy York's home, **Sunday, August 13, 12:30-3:00 p.m.** Food and snacks provided, 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 need 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, Suellen Myers via transition-questions@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org or Office Manager Kathy Reid via office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

Ordinary Time
Eighteenth Sunday

August 6, 2017
10:45 a.m.

Blessing When the World is Ending

Look, the world is always ending somewhere.
Somewhere the sun has come crashing down.
Somewhere it has gone completely dark.

Somewhere it has ended with the gun, the knife, the fist.

Somewhere it has ended with the slammed door, the shattered hope.

Somewhere it has ended with the utter quiet that follows
the news from the phone, the television, the hospital room.

Somewhere it has ended
with a tenderness that will break your heart.

But, listen, this blessing means
to be anything but morose.

It has not come to cause despair.

It is simply here because there is nothing
a blessing is better suited for than an ending,
nothing that cries out more for a blessing
than when a world is falling apart.

This blessing will not fix you,
will not mend you, will not give you false comfort;
it will not talk to you about one door opening
when another one closes.

It will simply sit itself beside you among the shards
and gently turn your face toward the direction
from which the light will come,
gathering itself about you
as the world begins again.

Jan Richardson
Circle of Grace

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You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. **Genesis 32:28-31**

For I shall behold your face in Truth, when I am fully awake, I shall dwell in the house of love and peace and joy. **Psalm 17:15** (Merrill)

When it was evening, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

Matthew 14:15-16

Preacher

Rev. Layton Williams

Worship Leader

Ethel Hornbeck

First Pew

Chris Morehouse

Assistants

Grayson Swisher

Piano/Offertory

Terry Tucker

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 at the 10:45 service
See ushers for assistance.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit (2x)

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

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 650**

"O Beauty Ever Ancient"

GRACE ABOUND S

Prayer of Confession

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 (2x)

Kyrie eleison

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Doxology (Hymn 609)**

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

Albania, Croatia, Yugoslavia

Hymn 526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial prayer

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Hymn 450 (vs. 1-3)

"Be Thou My Vision"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Sermon

"What is a Blessing?"

***Hymn**

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured

Let us be one in the Lord

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

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.

***Blessing Song**

May the blessing of God go before you,
May Her grace and peace abound
May Her Spirit live within you
May Her love wrap you round.
May Her blessing remain with you always
May you walk on holy ground.

† † †

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I have learned to prize holy ignorance more highly than religious certainty.

Barbara Brown Taylor

For all that has been — thanks.
For all that shall be — yes.

Dag Hammarskjöld

In a certain sense, perfecting the world... means not only liberating humans, but liberating God... not only stopping human suffering, but stopping the infinite suffering of the divine.

Rabbi Irving Greenberg
former Chair of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council

God is not nice. God is not an uncle. God is an earthquake.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

For not only bread
but all things necessary
for sustenance in this life
are given on loan to us
with others
and because of others
and for others
to others through us.

Meister Eckhart (1260-c.1327)

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Blessing Song, Words & Music
by Miriam Theresa Winter.