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Sunday through Thursday
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Sun 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:15 a.m. Welcoming Rev. Bill Sitterley. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
12:00 p.m. Welcoming Rev. Bill Sitterley. Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. Community hymn sing. Choir Room

Tue 26

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

Wed 27

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer at Canterbury
7:00 p.m. Peacefest rehearsal. Sanctuary

Thu 28

4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon
7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Fri 29

6:30 p.m. TGIF supper group hosted by Priscilla and Gary Deem

Sat 30

1:00 p.m. Knitting group. Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Peacefest rehearsal. Sanctuary

Sun 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16; Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
9:15 a.m. Blood pressure clinic. Narthex
9:25 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word & Table
6:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church
7:00 p.m. Peacefest. Sanctuary

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING Oct. 1 will be split between the Shenandoah Women's Center and PCUSA peacemaking programs and projects.

SHENANDOAH WOMEN'S CENTER collection has been extended to October 8 for school supplies, plus paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, and sanitary products. Place items in the bushel baskets in narthex or office foyer.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING. Everyone is welcome, no need to read music or be an extraordinary singer. We just sing our hearts out for one hour and have fun. **Sunday, Sept. 24, 4:30 p.m.** Choir Room.

SUNDAY SEMINAR begins **Sunday, Oct. 1, 9:25 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We are reading and discussing Marcus Borg's *Speaking Christian: Why Christian words have lost their meaning and power—and how they can be restored.* Books are in the office. \$14. (or pay what you can).

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Oct 1, 6:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.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). Use disposable containers, if possible.

PEACEFEST. A community gathering in the spirit of St. Francis. **Sunday, Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary.** Celebrating peace, justice and hope in songs and stories.

FILM SERIES *Exploring Justice*, beginning **Wednesday, Oct 11 at 7:00 p.m.** with James Baldwin's *I Am Not Your Negro.* Fellowship Hall.

FALL RETREAT, Seasons of Change, Living with Transition. Friday, **Oct. 13, 9-1 p.m.** Fellowship Hall. Featuring retreat leaders: Nina H. Frost and Rev. Dr. Robert M. Close, Jr. Coffee at 8:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch for fellowship after the retreat. Sign up in Fellowship Hall, or email the office.

Ordinary Time
Twenty-fifth Sunday

Season of Peace

September 24, 2017
10:45 a.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Grace and Peace to you, and a Happy New Year!
Well, why not?
Why not today be the beginning of something new?
What are you waiting for?
Why wait for some flip of the calendar,
some shift of the earth?
The story is not over, nor is it set in stone.
God is still creating, right now.
God is setting free the slaves this very day.
Today is as good as any to make a new beginning,
to turn a corner, to start over.
to do that task you've neglected;
to forgive what needs to be forgiven;
to let go of resentment, bitterness and regret;
to speak to the person you've avoided;
to celebrate what you have been given
and look forward in hope to what will come;
to begin a new way of being;
to be born again.

Today is the day God lets go of your past
and creates you anew.

Today you awaken to the sea parted before you.
This is the day you lay down your shame and fear,
shoulder your hope and start out.

Do not wait.

Today is the beginning of a new journey,
a new creation.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 8:2

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:3-4

Worship Leaders

Ethel Hornbeck
Joshua Nolen

Sermon

Rev. Bill Sitterley

First Pew/Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Gino Santacroce
Mason Brown

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)

In the light of the morning the love of God fills our hearts
In the light of the morning the love of God fills our hearts
And we shall sing for joy and we shall sing for joy
And we shall sing for joy and we shall sing for joy

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"

GRACE ABOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

O Beloved, we are so disheartened by wars and systems of exploitation and violence. We give in to fear and surrender our hope in the presence of so much suffering, greed and apathy. Open our hearts that we might renew our trust in the power of Love. Grant us courage, teach us compassion, and help us walk humbly with you in the way of peace.

Kyrie (2x)

Kyrie eleison

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah

Welcome

Litany of Welcome

*Walk with me and I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through.*

Blessing the World

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

Hymn 399

"God Welcomes All"

First Pew

Parish Life

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:2-4, 10-18

Sermon

"An Interim Report"

***Hymn 301**

"Let Us Build a House"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"
Getty, Graham, and Angerman

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.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

God's grace, unsought and unearned, blows through my life, and all I need to do is raise my sails to catch the full wind.

Catherine of Siena

Welcome any change that comes into any phase in your life; insist that it is going to turn out for the better. and it will. See the Angel of God in it, and the Angel of God will make all things new. **Emmet Fox**

Be not afraid to go slowly; Be only afraid of standing still.

Japanese proverb

Reasonable people adapt themselves to the world. Unreasonable people attempt to adapt the world to themselves. All progress, therefore, depends on unreasonable people.

George Bernard Shaw

[All] change, even very large and powerful change, begins when a few people start talking with one another about something they care about.

Margaret J. Wheatley

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Sermons & Newsletters

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

*stand if you are able

In the Light of the Morning by Bro. Stefan Waligur. **Blessing Song**, Words & Music by Miriam Theresa Winter.