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All our members

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Sunday through Thursday  
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## Sun 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/World Communion

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

## Tue 3

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

## Wed 4

7:00 p.m. Taizé prayer in song, silence and candlelight. Sanctuary

## Thu 5

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. Fellowship Hall

## Sat 7

4:00 p.m. Wedding. Noah Watkins & Shruti Dixit

## Sun 8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalm 19; Phil. 3:4b–14; Matt. 21:33–46*

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word  
9:25 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall  
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

## THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING

**Oct. 1** will be split between the Shenandoah Women's Center and PCUSA national and international peacemaking programs and projects. (Use special envelopes in the pews.) **SHENANDOAH** women's center collection has been extended to **Oct. 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.

**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. 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, 9:00-1:00 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.

**THE "MINI CAT"** is coming. SPC will be sending out the final portion of the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). Regular SPC participants age 16 and over will be invited to complete this brief online survey between **Oct. 15-30**.

## Ordinary Time

Twenty-sixth Sunday

## A Season of Peace

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017

10:45 a.m.

## AND THE TABLE WILL BE WIDE

A Blessing for World Communion Sunday

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

**Jan Richardson**

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Listen well, O peoples of the earth, to inner promptings of the Spirit; Let Silence enter your house that you may hear! For within your heart Love speaks.

**Psalm 78** (Merrill)

The Lord said to Moses, "Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." **Exodus 17:6**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. **Philippians 2:4-8**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" **Matthew 21:23**

#### **Preacher**

Rev. Bill Sitterley

#### **Assistants**

Ethel Hornbeck

Evie Gruden

Joel Dillow

#### **Piano**

Kari Edge

#### **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)**

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres, Señor.

### **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 15** (vs. 1-4)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

## **GRACE ABOUNDS**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Mothering God, you love all peoples and nations. You call us to dream with you, and to choose the way of wholeness and peace. But we fail to love you and others wholeheartedly. We condone the ways of violence and greed, and allow fear to rule our lives. Free us. Help us return to your way of compassion. Make us instruments of your peace in our homes, in our lives, in the world. In the way and in the Spirit of Jesus

### **Kyrie (2x)**

Kyrie eleison

### **Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

#### **\*Response Hymn 62 (2x)**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

### **Welcome**

### **Blessing the World**

The Indian Ocean islands:  
Comoro, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives

*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.*

### **First Pew/Skit**

## **Parish Life**

### **Memorial prayer**

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### **Hymn 753**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Reading** (front cover)

### **Interlude**

### **Lesson**

Philippians 2:1-11

### **Sermon**

"The Christ Hymn"

**\*Hymn 769** (vs. 1-3, 5)

"For Everyone Born"

## **SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Communion**

*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**

"How Can I Keep from Singing"  
Quaker song/ arr G. Littleton

### **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**

True compassion is too simple for words. It is not so much a matter of meeting need, or of doing what one ought, or figuring out how to help someone. It is simply the way one lives when the bonds of self-importance are broken. **Gerald May**

Suffering and humility, like erosion, take time. We are worn to who we are meant to be.

**Mark Nepo**

Perhaps it is true that only the great lovers of God and other people can look steadily on real human sin and not despair.

**Roberta Bondi**

I truly believe the only way we can create global peace is through not only educating our minds, but our hearts and our souls. **Malala Yousafzai**

It is a gift to joyfully recognize and accept our own smallness and ordinariness. Then you are free with nothing to live up to, nothing to prove, and nothing to protect. Such freedom is my best description of Christian maturity, because your "I" is great and one with God, you can ironically be quite content with a small and ordinary "I." No grandstanding is necessary. Any question of your own importance or dignity has already been resolved once and for all and forever.

**Richard Rohr**

Christ is the bread, awaiting hunger. **St. Augustine**

### **Flowers placed by**

The Price family fund

### **Sermons & Newsletters**

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### **Sunday flowers**

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\*stand if you are able

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