

By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.

Psalms 137:1

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

Luke 17:5

I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Preacher

Rev. John Lown

Worship Leaders

Phil Baker-Shenk

Catherine Irwin

Assistants

Indie Asam

William Gibbs

Organ

Alan Ogden

Choir Director

Georgiann Toole

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)

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 15 (vs. 1-3)**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O 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. 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

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

****Hymn 623**

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Parish Life

Memorial Prayer

Hymn 39 (vs. 1, 2)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading (front cover)

Interlude

Lessons

Luke 17:1-10

Sermon

"Increase Our Faith"

***Hymn 53**

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

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

"Cup of Blessing"

Ronald Turner

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**

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

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Although attempting to bring about world peace through the internal transformation of individuals is difficult, it is the only way. **Dalai Lama**

The life of the Spirit is like a seed that needs fertile ground to grow. This fertile ground includes not only a good inner disposition, but also a supportive milieu... we can choose friends, books, churches, art, music, places to visit and people to be with that, taken together, offer a milieu that allows the mustard seed that God has sown in us to grow into a strong tree. **Henri Nouwen**

When Jesus talks about "faith," he's not talking about what you do in your head; he's talking about what you do with your hands and your feet, your wallet and your privilege, your power and your time. Faith in Jesus is not shown by saying or thinking things about him, but by following him. **Sarah Dylan Breuer**

Belief is reassuring. People who live in the world of belief feel safe. On the contrary, faith is forever placing us on the razor's edge. **Jacques Ellul**

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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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 6 • World Communion Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH
4:00 p.m. Concert. Sponsored by
Shepherdstown Music & Dance
5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion
Episcopal Church, Charles Town

Wed 9

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

Thu 10

6:00 p.m. Solar United Neighbors. FH

Sat 12

6:00 p.m. Movable Feast Supper Club.
Hosted by Tim & Esther Murphy

Sun 13 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections by Nina Frost and Jeananne Stine
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12;
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH

12:15 p.m. More Light group. CR 1

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

PEACEMAKING OFFERING is **Sunday, Oct. 6.** Our offering will be split between the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center (formerly Shenandoah Women's Center) and PCUSA national and international peacemaking programs and projects.

COMMUNITY MEAL CO-COORDINATOR NEEDED Help share in the joy of our monthly Community Meal mission! Our current coordinator, Bert Wright, is looking for someone to co-ordinate feeding our hungry friends in need on the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Bert via the office.

SUNDAY SEMINARS reflecting on Richard Rohr's 2019 book *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe.* **Sundays, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided. **Oct 13: Chapters 5-7.**

COMMUNITY DINNER. **Sunday, Oct. 6 5:00 p.m.,** Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45-4:15 p.m. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

EXPLORING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES (ESP) third Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., SPC library. The theme for the **October 16** meeting is "Opening Our Heart in the Face of Fear".

DID YOU KNOW the sanctuary is now equipped with an induction loop system for hearing device users. To use, turn your hearing device to the 'T' setting or request a loop receiver. For a hearing-impaired person without hearing aids, a simple system with a comfortable, unobtrusive earphone is available. (Ask the ushers)

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World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2019

11:00 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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