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Sunday through Thursday
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Sun 15 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:25 a.m. Sunday seminar. Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Children Ed. committee meeting. Classroom No. 3
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
4:00 p.m. Migrant dinner at Applecrest Orchard

Tue 17

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

Wed 18

7:00 p.m. Listening group. Balcony

Thu 19

10:00 a.m. Listening group. Classroom No. 1
7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Sat 21

7:30 a.m. Mens breakfast. Fellowship Hall

Sun 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 33:12–23; Psalm 99; Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22

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2018 PLEDGE FORMS are in the Fellowship Hall. Please save us postage and pick yours up. Return signed pledge forms on or before **November 6**.

CARING CUPBOARD. SPC will be packing and delivering weekend food bags for school children on all Thursdays in October. Meet at the Lutheran Parish House, King Street at 9:10 a.m. It takes about an hour to complete. Contact Suellen Myers via the office.

DINNER WITH MIGRANT WORKERS Today, 4:00 p.m., at Applecrest Orchard in Hedgesville, WV. SPC is hosting the annual dinner, and everyone is invited. Please bring a side dish or dessert; meat will be provided. Meet at SPC at 3 p.m. to carpool. If you cannot attend, but would like to contribute a dish for 10 people, please leave it in the SPC kitchen by 3 p.m. (marked orchard dinner), preferably in a disposable container. Also, if those coming have a map of Mexico, Haiti or the US, it would help us discuss geography.

CAREGIVER RESOURCE FAIR offered by the Parish Care Committee along with Hospice of the Panhandle, Home Instead, and WVU East Home Health Care will be available to offer much-needed resources for caregivers. **Saturday, October 28, 9:00 a.m.** Fellowship Hall.

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, October 29, 4:30 p.m.** Choir Room.

PASTOR IN THE PACIFIC, Join us on **Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.**, for an informal hour where Bill Sitterley will share photographs of his time in the Pacific (with an emphasis on Papua New Guinea.) Basically this travelogue is just an excuse to interact with Bill in an informal setting, and get to know him better. All welcome. Fellowship Hall.

Ordinary Time
Twenty-eighth Sunday

October 15, 2017
10:45 a.m.

A Prayer for the Living

Life,
Break in me whatever needs to be broken.
Fix my hope of ever being fixed.
Use me. Draw every ounce of creativity out of me. Help me live a radically unique life, forever forging a never-before-trodden path in the forest.
Show me how to love more deeply than I ever thought possible.
Whatever I am still turning away from, keep shoving in my face.
Whatever I am still at war with, help me soften towards, relax into, fully embrace.
Where my heart is still closed, show me a way to open it without violence.
Where I am still holding on, help me let go.
Give me challenges and struggles and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, if that will bring an even deeper humility and trust in the intelligence of life.
Help me laugh at my own seriousness.
Allow me to find the humour in the dark places.
Show me a profound sense of rest in the midst of the storm.
Don't spare me from the truth. Ever.
Let gratitude be my guide.
Let forgiveness be my mantra.
Let this moment be a constant companion.
Let me see your face in every face.
Let me feel your warm presence in my own presence.
Hold me when I stumble.
Breathe me when I cannot breathe.
Let me die living, not live dying.
Amen.

Jeff Foster

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Giver of Life, we praise You! Bestower of all gifts, we give You thanks, for your steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 106 (Merrill)

Aaron took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" **Exodus 32:4**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

Matthew 22:1-2

Piano

Kari Edge

Assistants

Catherine Irwin

Trixie Gibb

Evelyn Bailey

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)

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace

Light before us...

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 36**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

GRACE ABOUND S

Prayer of Confession

O Beloved, Giver of Life, you lead us out of bondage, again and again, and yet our trust in you is fragile. We are impatient, indifferent, and self absorbed. We prefer our own gods, of self sufficiency, illusion and control. Free us yet again. Help us trust the good news of your steadfast love, that we might serve your world, fully and joyfully, in the way and in the Spirit of Jesus.

Kyrie (2x)

Kyrie eleison

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

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe

Hymn 48

"Rain Down"

First Pew

Parish Life

Welcoming Rite

Hymn 727

"The Servant Song"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Exodus 32:1-5

Sermon

"Anxiety and Idolatry"

***Hymn 177**

"I Will Come To You"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace"
Traditional spiritual/ arr. G. Toole

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)**

Peace before us...
Love before us...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

To live fully in the world is to frequently suffer the bouts of anxiety that are our lot as a sentient species. We should never deride ourselves for such anxiety. It becomes a psychological problem only when we are prevented by that anxiety from living our lives as fully as possible. Anxiety is the price of a ticket on the journey of life; no ticket, no journey; no journey, no life. **James Hollis**

Never think that you need to protect God. Because anytime you think you need to protect God, you can be sure that you are worshipping an idol.

Stanley Hauerwas

You can safely assume that you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do. **Anne Lamott**

If you trade your authenticity for safety, you may experience the following: anxiety, depression, eating disorders, addiction, rage, blame, resentment, and inexplicable grief. **Brene Brown**

Our anxiety does not come from thinking about the future, but from wanting to control it.

Kahlil Gibran

We always pay dearly for chasing after what is cheap.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

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*stand if you are able

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