

Then the Lord God formed the human from the dust of the ground, and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life; and the human became a living being. **Genesis 2:7**

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. **Psalm 65:11-13**

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **2 Timothy 4:7**

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted. **Luke 18:14**

**Preacher**

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Assistants**

Liam Wohleber  
EV Gruber  
Ethel Hornbeck

**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)**

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.

**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 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

**ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Blessed Creator, maker of heaven and earth, you are the fountain of life. You fill the earth with fruit and grain. You offer us living streams of water and invite us to follow Love's way. And yet we turn away. We doubt your goodness. We harden our hearts. We hoard your gifts of bread and love. Forgive us. Inspire us to turn around and walk again with you.

**Kyrie eleison (2x)**

**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**

**Blessing the World**

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

**\*\*Hymn 26**

"Earth and All Stars!"

**First Pew**

**Parish Life**

**\*Hymn 22**

"God of the Sparrow"

**"HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**  
(front cover)

**Interlude**

**Lesson**  
Genesis 2:4b-14; 18-23

**Sermon**

"Always Being Re-Formed"

**\*Hymn 250**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Prayer for Others**

Open us. *Open our hearts to your love.*

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

"Celebrate the Day"  
Pepper Choplin

**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.

**\*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**

Only surrendering humbly to the radical path of love will result in the discovery that God is not the object of our longing and love, but is the loving itself...God is the force that is binding, moving, sustaining, and transforming all of humanity and all of creation with every breath and every evolutionary shift on our planet.

**Richard Rohr**

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often. **John Henry Newman**

Christian life is a commitment to love, to give birth to God in one's own life and to become midwives of divinity in this evolving cosmos. We are to be wholemakers of love in a world of change. **Ilia Delio**

So much of modern life is a feverish anticipation of future activity and excitement. We have to learn to step back from this into the freedom and possibility of the present. **Fr. Bede Griffith**

**Flowers placed by**  
the Price family fund

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and  
younger to the first pew

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sign up in office

**Blessing Song**  
Words & Music by  
Miriam Theresa Winter

*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 27 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:15 a.m. Immigrant/Refugee. Classroom No. 1

4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

**Wed 30**

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

**Sun 3 • 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4; Psalm 119:137–144; 2 Thessalonians 4:1–4, 11–12; Luke 19:1–10*

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

9:45 a.m. Mission forum. Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Community Dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

**WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR**, the Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist, at a reception after both services today.

**PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY is November 10.** Please return your pledge form on or before then. If you didn't receive one in the mail, let the office know. There are also extra forms in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

**COALFIELD DEVELOPMENT CORP** is coming to town **Saturday, Nov. 2, 10-11 a.m.!!** Stop by for some coffee and conversation about all the exciting new things happening. Live music, and presentation by Brandon Denison. Shepherdstown Train Station.

**MISSION FORUM. Sunday, November 3, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall. Dr. Serge Makolo, Director of the Kasai Christian Medical Institute (IMCK), a Presbyterian hospital and medical teaching center in the Democratic Republic of Congo, will bring us up to date on the health center and other things going on at the hospital, as well as current events in the Congo in general. SPC has contributed over \$4,000 in the past several years to this institute for construction of the

PAX women's health center in the city of Kananga. He will be able to take questions in English. For more information, contact Bill Rule, via the office.

**COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, November 3, 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. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, Sunday, November 10, 9:45 a.m.** Highlights of the past and coming year. Election of elders and deacons. All members are encouraged to attend. Childcare provided.

**YOUTH LEAF RAKING & YARD WORK.** Youth outreach is continuing the fall tradition of raking leaves for members & friends of SPC. **Sunday, Nov. 10.** Meet at SPC at noon, finish around 3:30 p.m. Bring a rake and gloves if you can. **Let the office know by Nov. 8** if you would like to help or want help with your leaves.

Ordinary Time  
Thirtieth Sunday

October 27, 2019  
11:00 a.m.

**THE WISDOM OF THE WILDERNESS**

Love creates, and it keeps on creating,  
and everything it creates also creates.

And there is nothing but creation,  
for even what we call destruction is creation;  
all breakings apart precede new comings together  
that have never before existed...

its all going on in overflowing splendor,  
lavish profusion, luxuriant exuberance...

the Source of the All constantly yearns  
for each one of us to know without doubt that we are loved,  
and that we are intimately irrevocably part  
of the endless creation of love,

and that we will join,  
with full freedom and consciousness,

the joyous creativity

that is Nature,

that is Wildness,

that is Wilderness,

that is Everything.

**Gerald May**

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