

Then Philip began to speak,  
and starting with this scrip-  
ture, he proclaimed to him  
the good news about Jesus.

**Acts 8:35**

The poor shall eat and be  
satisfied. **Psalm 22:26a**

Beloved, since God loved us  
so much, we also ought to  
love one another.

**1 John 4:11**

I am the vine, you are the  
branches. **John 15:5a**

## THE FONT OF IDENTITY

**+Introit Hymn 814 (2x)**

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
in God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
find its rest and peace.

### 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.

### Prayer

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### Hymn 285

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

### Prayer for Wholeness

You are creator of the world,  
Of animate and inanimate things;  
Its venerable teacher,  
Most worthy of worship,  
Without equal.  
Where in all three worlds  
Is another to match  
Your extraordinary power?

I bow to you,  
I prostrate my body,  
I beg you to be gracious, worshipful One;  
As a parent to a child,  
A friend to a friend,  
A lover to a beloved,  
O God, bear with me.

### Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

### Passing the Peace

### Blessing the World

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

### First Pew

### Welcome and Parish Life

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## THE WORD OF HOPE

### First Lesson

Psalm 22:25-31

### Interlude Hymn 836 (v. 4)

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

### Second Lesson

John 15:1-8

### Sermon

“Branching Out”

**+Hymn 5 (v. 1-2)**

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

### Memorial Moment

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Communion

**+Hymn 5 (v. 3-4)**

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

### Offering Our Gifts

### Offertory

“It Is Well With My Soul”

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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.

### Charge and Benediction

† † †

**+Sending (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.

Everything you see has its  
roots in the unseen world. The  
source they come from is eter-  
nal, growing, branching out,  
giving new life and new joy.

**Rumi**

I saw my life branching out  
before me like the green fig  
tree in the story. From the  
tip of every branch, like a fat  
purple fig, a wonderful future  
beckoned and winked.

**Sylvia Plath**

You are ... a life branching out  
from God. **Masahisa Goi**

The vine doesn’t put “make  
grapes” on its to-do list. It just  
makes them, because it’s part  
of the vine. **Melissa Early**

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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.



**Sunday, May 2 • Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Talk with Pastor Gusti via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion via Facebook Live!
- 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Rumsey Park
- 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner at Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

**Tuesday, May 4**

- 10:30 a.m. Administrative staff meeting via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

**Wednesday, May 5**

- 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (grades 8-9)
- 7:00 p.m. Staffing Model Task Force via Zoom

**Thursday, May 6**

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women via Zoom

**Sunday, May 9 • Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17*

- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion via Facebook Live!

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**COMMUNITY MEAL on May 2** will consist of “to-go” boxes for our friends in need. Go to [PerfectPotluck.com](https://www.perfectpotluck.com) coordinator Wright, password 5777 to sign up. This month they are looking for hearty pasta salads with meat and fresh fruit. Donations should be at SPC by 3:15 Sunday.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Thursday, May 6, 10 a.m.** via Zoom. We will discuss Ch. 13, “Why are our students so angry?”; Ch. 14, “What is the model minority myth?” and Ch. 15, “But what if I hate Al Sharpton?” in So you want to talk about race by Ijeoma Oluo. Zoom link will open at 9:50 a.m.

**RISE UP! JOIN THE JOY! GET TO WORK!** Worship through Eastertide invites us to choose hope, even in the midst of sadness and grief, as we follow the risen Christ into a deeper practice of justice and peace. A worship planning team reflecting the broad spectrum of SPC ministries offers prayer and song, liturgical art and reflective imagination on what the “resurrection texts” of ancient Scripture mean for us today.

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**Eastertide**  
Fifth Sunday

**May 2, 2021**  
11:00 a.m.

**Psalm 22:25-31**

To You, O Beloved,

I lift up my voice in the great congregation;  
for You promise to remain  
with those whose love is steadfast.  
The hungry shall eat and be satisfied;  
Those who seek You shall sing praises!  
Your Heart our dwelling place forever!

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember to turn to Love’s way;  
And all the families of the nations  
shall bow down with grateful hearts.  
For power and authority belong to the Most High,  
who rules over the nations.

Yes, to the Most High shall all the proud  
of the earth be humbled;  
before the Creator shall all bow who go down to the dust,  
and who cannot sustain their lives.  
Posterity shall know and serve Love,  
telling of the One who abides in all  
to the coming generations,  
And proclaiming deliverance to a people  
yet unborn that the Most High dwells among us.

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