

This is what the Lord God showed me - a basket of summer fruit. **Amos 8:1**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. **Psalms 52:8**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. **Colossians 1:19**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. **Luke 10:38**

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are 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.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all*

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

The child we seek doesn't need our gold.
On love, on love alone he will build his kingdom.

*+Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

Prayer For Wholeness

Those who live in truth, will know
the joy of Love Divine.
They will see the emptiness of those
who turn from Love,
who put their trust in abundant riches,
who seek security in wealth.
Blessed are those who are like
the strong oak
in the house of the Beloved.
Blessed are those who trust in
the gentle love of the Counselor
and hear the voice of Love. Amen.

+Kyrie (2x)

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (repeat)

Blessing the World

Aotearoa (New Zealand),
Australia (including Maori & Aboriginal people)

First Pew

+Response

*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Amos 8:1-8, 12

Sermon

"The Cry of the Poor"

*+Hymn 372

"O for a World"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

*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

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*Sending 595

"Santo, santo, santo"

*Benediction

Postlude

"The arc of the moral universe may bend towards justice, but it doesn't bend on its own."

Barack Obama

"The opposite of poverty is not wealth. In too many places, the opposite of poverty is justice."

Bryan Stevenson

"When I dare to be powerful to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."

Audre Lorde

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for others

Edward Hayes Prayers
for a Planetary Pilgrim

Opening prayer

Gian Carlo Menotti

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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, July 17 • Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship - Sanctuary

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

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

Wednesday, July 20

7:30 p.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Information Session - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 22

Youth return from Mission trip to Baltimore

Friday, July 22

9:00 a.m. Friday Painters - Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer - via Zoom

Sunday, July 24 • Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship - Sanctuary

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

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

PASTOR GUSTI ON VACATION through June 22. Deacon Co-Moderator Debbie Romano is available for Pastoral Emergencies in her absence.

WELCOME MARY JANE HITT as Guest Preacher in worship today! Mary Jane Hitt is a retired Teaching Elder who lives just outside Columbus, Ohio. For a decade she pastored a PC(USA) congregation in Scranton, PA, after having worked for nearly twenty years at WVU where she served as Special Assistant to the President and then as Executive Officer for Social Justice. She remains active in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, where she is co-chairing a Discernment and Design Commission that is considering the purpose and structure of that presbytery. Born and raised in Morgantown, she and her husband, Bill (who grew up in Bluefield), have two grown children – Than and Amanda.

GUNS TO GARDENS INFO SESSIONS. Want to do something tangible and positive about gun violence in our community? The Social Justice Committee will be sponsoring several short “Guns To Gardens” (G2G) info sessions this summer. Come in person or online to learn about this transformative effort (sponsored by Presbyterian Peace Fellowship), and how you can help. Session options are: July 20 at 7:30pm, August 14 at 10am or August 24 at 7:30pm. Sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church.

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Seventeenth Sunday

Ordinary Time

July 17, 2022

11:00 a.m.

God of mercy, why is there no mercy?
The poor are robbed, the hungry wait,
prisoners long for the welcoming hand.
The powerful wield their weapons day after day.
Refugees walk in their long lines toward you
and never arrive, never find home.
The laborer used, the child abused, wait
For no announcing angel, no welcome rescue.
The lonely and condemned weep without answer.
God of justice, why is there no justice?
Living Word, why your silence?
Living Word, why your silence?
Exiled by race, enslaved by greed,
Crucified by gunshots,
Your children cry to you.
Why, O Loving One, why do you not speak?

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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