

“Please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight.” **Exodus 33:12**

God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud. **Psalms 99:7**

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 1:2

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

Matthew 22:15

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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

*A great longing is upon us
to live again in a world made of gifts.*

*(Come back, sweet world,
where all flourishing is mutual.)*

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 true God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Forgiveness

***+Hymn 435**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Prayer for Forgiveness

If I have harmed anyone in any way
either knowingly or unknowingly
through my own confusions

I ask for forgiveness.

If anyone has harmed me in any way
either knowingly or unknowingly
through their own confusions

I forgive them.

And if there is a situation

I am not yet ready to forgive,
I forgive myself for that.

For all the ways that I harm myself,
negate, doubt, belittle myself,
judge or be unkind to myself
through my own confusions,
I forgive myself.

+Response 437 (2x)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 447 (2x)**

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Blessing the World

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

+Response 474, refrain (4x)

As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

First Pew

+Response 474, refrain (4x)

As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.

Welcome and Parish Life

Stewardship Impact

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

“Down In the River to Pray”

Lesson

John 3:1-3

Sermon

“Forgiving Ourselves”

***+Hymn 436**

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Litany of Creation (see insert)

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“My Anchor Holds”

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Celebration of Gifts

***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.

***Sending 383, v. 1-2 (intro)**

*Dream on, dream on, children of peace,
till on earth God’s kingdom come.*

*Hope on, hope on, Easter people:
beyond the cross, a dawning sun.*

***Postlude**

Forgive yourself for not knowing what you didn’t know before you learned it.

Ann Silvers

Forgiveness does not change the past but it does enlarge the future.

Paul Boose

The supreme act of forgiveness is when you can forgive yourself for all the wounds you’ve created in your own life.

Miguel Ruiz

Forgiveness is the greatest gift you can give yourself.

Maya Angelou

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to Forgiveness

Robert Mueller

Prayer for Forgiveness

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Lesson Translation

New Revised

Standard Version

Flowers

In Memory of
Mary Louise Wright
on her 100th Birthday
Love, MaryEllen Lloyd

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-ninth Sunday

October 22, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 22 • Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs
- 3:00 p.m. Installation Service for Rev. Dwight McCormick, Community Cup,
114 E. Burke Street, Martinsburg, WV

Monday, October 23

- 6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance - Classroom 1
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Tuesday, October 24

- 4:00 p.m. Poor Peoples Campaign Coordinating Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Wednesday, October 25

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 29 • Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 10:15 a.m. Usher Meeting - Classroom 1
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. New Member Class - Pastor Gusti's Office
- 3:00 p.m. Blessing the Animals, Morgan's Grove Pavilion

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit, by Laurence Cole, brings the words of Robin Wall Kimmerer into the form of a chant, teaching us Nature's wisdom of generosity and reciprocity. The mid 19th Century Opening Hymn reminds us that God's generosity forms the basis of human forgiveness. The Response to the Prayer for World Communion is a "short song" from Canada. The Response to the Declaration is a song from the Muscogee Trail of Tears. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a late 20th Century paraphrase of Psalm 131. The early 20th Century Sermon Hymn pairs a strong sense of faith in God's presence with a 17th Century French tune. The Sending is based on a future oriented Korean text, seeking the peaceful reunification of peoples living in the Korean peninsula.

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In my soul
there is a temple, a shrine, a mosque, a church
where I kneel.

Prayer should bring us to an altar where no walls or names exist.

Is there not a region of love where the sovereignty is
illuminated nothing, where ecstasy gets poured into itself
and becomes lost, where the wing is fully alive
but has no mind or body?

In my soul
there is a temple, a shrine, a mosque,
a church that dissolve, that
dissolve in God.

Rabia of Hasra

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