

Joshua made a covenant
with the people that day.

Joshua 24:25

I will open my mouth in a
parable.

Psalms 78:2

Encourage one another
with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:18

“Keep awake, therefore, for
you know neither the day
nor the hour.”

Matthew 25:13

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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 (2x)

*The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

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 Congregational Vitality

***+Hymn 375**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Prayer for Congregational Vitality

We are an inclusive spiritual community,
and welcome all who long for
meaning, hope, and belonging.
Our faith and practice are rooted in the Way of Jesus
and are enriched by wisdom from all sources.
We are committed to being and becoming
a people of radical compassion,
working for justice and wholeness
in ourselves and in the world.

+Response 455 (2x)

Listen to the Word that God has spoken.

Listen to the One who is close at hand.

Listen to the voice that began creation.

Listen even if you don’t understand.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 642 (2x)**

Heleluyan, we are singing. Hele, heleluyan.

Heleluyan, now and always. Hele, heleluyan.

Blessing the World

Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Togo

+Response 21, v.1

Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.

Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;

thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.

Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.

First Pew

+Response 21, v.2

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.

Come unto us and dwell with us.

With thee are found the gifts of life.

Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 25:31-40, selected verses

Sermon

“Holding Up Stars”

***+Hymn 306**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Reception of New Members

Baptismal Serenade

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

Lee Hastings Bristol/G. Toole

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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.

***Sending (2x)**

Jesus be with us. Help us each day

to follow the gospel and live as we pray.

Send us your Spirit and show us your way.

Jesus, be with us today.

***Postlude**

From what we cannot
hold, the stars are made.

W. S. Merwin

There are pieces of star
within us all.

Carl Sagan

We come spinning out of
nothingness, scattering
stars like dust.

Rumi

Stars have never been colo-
nized.

Khalil Abu Yahia

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Call to

Congregational Vitality

Og Mandino

Lesson Translation

Gusti Linnea Newquist

Flowers

In Loving Memory of
my beloved husband
Greg Lloyd

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Ordinary Time
Thirty-second Sunday

November 12, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 12 • Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. After Worship Light Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Aging Faithfully, Tea & Discussion - Classroom 1
Monthly Hymn Sing - Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Thanksgiving Gathering - Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 13

- 3:30 p.m. Transgender Day of Remembrance – McMurrin Hall Grounds
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. SPC Volunteers at Cold Cold Weather Shelter - Charles Town, WV

Tuesday, November 14

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Wednesday, November 15

- 4:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. SPC Volunteers at Cold Cold Weather Shelter - Charles Town, WV

Thursday, November 16

- 6:00 p.m. Communications Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Community Forum: Israeli/Palestinian Conflict - SU Student Center
- 7:00 p.m. SPC Volunteers at Cold Cold Weather Shelter - Charles Town, WV

Friday, November 17

- 7:00 p.m. SPC Volunteers at Cold Cold Weather Shelter - Charles Town, WV

Saturday, November 18

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Deacon Shepherds' Potluck Thanksgiving Meal – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 19 • Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

- 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

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The late 19th Century Opening Hymn was written by a Baptist pastor. The Response to the Prayer for Contemplation and Action is a short song from Canada. The Response to the Declaration is a Muscogee Trail of Tears song. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Dakota chant. The late 18th Century Sermon Hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship. The Communion Hymn arises from earth-based spirituality. The Sending was written to support the Matthew 25 Initiative of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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A Proposal

I am a young man, Fire. You
are a young man, Wood. Listen,
I will go with you. In the air,
I enter, ancient. You in the smoke.

Kingfisher just kissed you.
The green frog, he just kissed you.
The dragonfly, wood, water, stone.
Choices are frequently made through inspiration.

A cloth, a chair, a walking stick.
Various symbols to elevate you.
The little white dogma footprints.
You and I just hold up the stars.

Chip Livingston, *Mvskoke*

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