

The people thirsted there
for water. **Exodus 17:1**

We are the people of God's
pasture. **Psalms 95:7**

Suffering produces endur-
ance. **Romans 5:3**

'One sows and another
reaps.' **John 4:37**

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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 451, v. 1

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

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 of Reflection

***+Hymn 5**

"God, the Sculptor of the Mountains"

Prayer for Wholeness

Soften our touch, O God:
for your creation suffers from warring and pollution
and your people reach out for help and solace
Encourage and strengthen us with your wisdom
Until we become like You
fashioners of justice and love
Hands open for peace and benediction
Gathering blessing and flourishing life for all. Amen.

+Response 62

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+Response 833, v. 1

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Blessing the Nations

East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

+Response 489, v. 1

*Wonder of wonders, here revealed: God's covenant with us is sealed,
and long before we know or pray, God's love enfolds us every day.*

First Pew

+Response 489, v. 3

*This child of God, though young or old,
we welcome now into Christ's fold,
to know with us God's loving care,
and all our joys and sorrows share.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Prayer for Illumination 451, v. 2

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Romans 5:3-5

Sermon

"The Lentiest Lent"

***+Hymn 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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THE BREAD OF LIFE

Agape Meal

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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Litany of Transition

***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 451, v. 3**

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love
with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!*

***Postlude**

Perseverance is the founda-
tion of all actions.

Lao Tzu

In the realm of ideas every-
thing depends on enthusi-
asm. ... in the real world
all rests on perseverance.

Goethe

Failure after long persever-
ance is much grander than
never to have a striving
good enough to be called a
failure.

George Eliot

The road to perseverance
lies by doubt.

France Quarles

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Lesson Translation

Eugene Peterson
The Message

Flowers

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Sermons & Information

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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, March 12 • Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 3:00 p.m. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (DEI) Training at
Asbury United Methodist Church, 4257 Kearneysville Pike

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

- 11:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Steering Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Mid Week Lenten Series Service - Trinity Episcopal Church

Saturday, March 18

- 7:03 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 19 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group - Fellowship Hall

MUSIC NOTES: The late 19th Century Introit, Sung Prayer for Illumination, and Sending Hymn were written and composed by the first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn describes how our human need meets God's help. The late 20th Century Prayer for Wholeness Response summarizes the Great Commandment. The late 19th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a tune composed for the patroness of Scotland. The late 20th Century Response to the Blessing of the World and First Pew was written by a beloved Presbyterian hymn writer (and former mentor of Pastor Gusti!). The mid-18th Century Welsh Sermon Hymn was not set to its popular tune until the early 20th Century. The Communion Response is an 8th Century Latin text set to music from the Taizé community.

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Season of Lent

Third Sunday

March 12, 2023

11:00 a.m.

On a Day of Social Distancing, *excerpt*

... you must now dedicate yourself to the survival of this community in the painstaking way of an artist painting on a grain of rice. ...

Theresa Ines Soto

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