

“I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

**Jeremiah 31:33**

Let me hear joy and gladness. **Psalm 51:8**

Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears.

**Hebrews 5:7**

“Now my soul is troubled.” **John 12:27**

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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**

“Down to the River to Pray”  
(see cover)

**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**

**\*+Hymn 821**

“My Life Flows On”

**Prayer for an Untroubled Soul**

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”  
(see insert)

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*Response 600 (3x)**

*Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen!*

**Blessing the World**

East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines

**+Response (2x)**

*I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart;  
down in my heart; down in my heart.*

*I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart;  
down in my heart to stay!*

**First Pew**

**+Response (2x)**

*I’ve got the love, love, love, love down in my heart;  
down in my heart; down in my heart!*

*I’ve got the love, love, love love, down in my heart;  
down in my heart to stay!*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Sung Reading**

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

John 12:20

**Meditation**

“An Un-Troubled Soul”

**\*Hymn 741**

“Guide My Feet”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Sung Call to Prayer 66**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

**Sung Prayer for Others 700**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Poor Wayfaring Stranger”  
*arr. Reginald Unterseher*

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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

**\*+Sending 313**

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

**\*Postlude**

The Blues is life itself.

**Billy Gibbons**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**Flowers**

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Season of Lent  
Fifth Sunday

March 17, 2024  
11:00 a.m.

### Sunday, March 17 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16 Hebrews 5:5–10 John 12:20–33*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Social Justice – Exploring SPC's Roots – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

### Tuesday, March 19

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### Thursday, March 21

6:00 p.m. Communications Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

### Saturday, March 23

9:00 a.m. Deacon Shepherds Retreat until 3 p.m. – Shepherdstown Library

7:00 p.m. SPC Hosts Cold Weather Shelter – Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, March 24 • Palm Sunday

*Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29*

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary  
No Sunday Seminar

10:50 a.m. Procession of the Palms Line up - front steps/entrance

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

7:00 p.m. SPC Hosts Cold Weather Shelter – Fellowship Hall

### Down to the River to Pray

*Refrain:*

As I went down to the river to pray,  
studyin' about the good old way,  
and who shall wear the starry crown,  
good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, siblings, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, siblings, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray.

*Refrain*

Oh, parents, let's go down ...

*Refrain*

Oh, children, let's go down ...

*Refrain*

### Exact Origin Unknown

*Folk Hymn, African-American Spiritual,  
Appalachian song, Southern Gospel Song*

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The late 19th Century Opening Hymn was attributed to "Pauline T." by the Baptist pastor and musician who published the words with his tune. The Sung Prayer for an Untroubled Soul, Response to the Declaration, Sung Reading, Sermon Hymn, Sung Call to Prayer, Sung Prayer for Others, and Sending Hymn are African-American spirituals. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is from the early 20th Century Revival Movement.

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