

He went about doing good and healing all.

**Acts 10:38**

Let us rejoice and be glad.

**Psalms 118:24**

His grace toward me has not been in vain.

**1 Corinthians 15:10**

Supposing him to be the gardener ...

**John 20:15**

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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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**Prelude**

"Alleluia"

*William Boyce*

**Proclamation**

Christ Is Risen!

*Christ Is Risen, Indeed!*

**Introit (4x)**

*Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.*

**Lesson**

John 20:1-8

**\*Hymn 232**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**Prayer for Resurrection**

**Response 250**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*+Response 243 (3x)**

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

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**Blessing the World**

Djibouti, Somalia

**+Response 240, refrain (2x)**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

**First Pew**

**+Response 240, refrain (2x)**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

John 20:11-16

**Sermon**

"Garden of Grace"

**\*+Hymn 247**

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayer for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*Mark Schweizer*

**\*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 246 v. 1, 5**

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.*

*The cross stands empty to the sky.*

*Let streets and homes with praises ring.*

*Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

**\*Postlude**

Life begins the day you start a garden.

**Chinese Proverb**

Garden as though you will live forever.

**William Kent**

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

**Audrey Hepburn**

A garden is not a place. It's a journey.

**Monty Don**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Prayer for Resurrection**

Margaret Tongue

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised

Standard Version

**Prayer for Others**

Lee Herrick

**Easter Lilies**

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**Sunday, March 31 • Resurrection of The Lord**

*Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Rumsey Monument Park in Shepherdstown

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

No Sunday Seminar

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

No Sunday Studio

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

**Monday, April 1**

SPC Staff Holiday - Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, April 2**

7:00 p.m. Choir & Pastor Gusti Meeting – Sanctuary

No Teach the Preacher

**Thursday, April 4**

9:00 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal – Upstairs hallway outside choir room

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship hall/Hybrid

6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Mecklenburg Inn, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

**Friday, April 5**

5:00 p.m. Youth retreat weekend at Rolling Ridge. Meet in the Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, April 6**

2:30 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for April Dowler – Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 7 • Second Sunday of Eastertide**

*Acts 4:32–35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1–2:2 John 20:19–31*

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

4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing – Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center, Charles Town, WV 25414

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is from Zimbabwe. The 18th Century Opening Hymn began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English. The late 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Resurrection was inspired by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is from the Taizé Community. The late 20th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew were created for an ecumenical community in Ann Arbor, MI. The Sermon Hymn grafts a 20th century English text onto a late 15th century French tune. The late 20th Century Sending Hymn was written after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**Resurrection of the Lord**

**March 31, 2024**

11:00 a.m.

*Littlefoot, 19*

This is the bird hour, peony blossoms falling bigger than wren hearts  
On the cutting border's railroad ties,  
Sparrows and other feathery things  
Homing from one hedge to the next,  
late May, gnat-floating evening.

Is love stronger than unlove?

Only the unloved know.

And the mockingbird, whose heart is cloned and colorless.

And who's this tiny chirper,

lost in the loose leaves of the weeping cherry tree?

His song is not more than three feet off the ground, and singular,

And going nowhere.

Listen. It sounds a lot like you, hermano.

It sounds like me.

**Charles Wright**

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