

“Look, here is water!”
Acts 8:37

The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Psalm 22:26

Beloved, let us love one another.
1 John 4:7

“I am the vine; you are the branches.” **John 15:5**

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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 (4x)

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

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 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Prayer for Resurrection

(see insert)

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

Blessing the World

Malawi, Zambia

+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 15:1-4

Sermon

“What Earth Asks of Us”

*Hymn 713

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“I Am Your Mother”

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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

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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

from Robin Wall
Kimmerer:

Even a wounded world is feeding us.

To love a place is not enough. We must find ways to heal it.

Paying attention is a form of reciprocity with the living world.

Live as if this is the land that feeds you, as if these are the streams from which you drink.

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Lesson Translation

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Prayer for Others

John O’Donohue

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Sunday, April 28 • Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 8:26–40 Psalms 22:25–31 1 John 4:7–21 John 15:1–8

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – 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. Reception for Steve Grives – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship Hall
Handbell rehearsal – upstairs area outside of choir room
- 6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Mecklenburg Inn, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

Sunday, May 5 • Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 10:44–48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1–6 John 15:9–17

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of 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
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – downstairs
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal, Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from Zimbabwe. The mid 19th Century Opening Hymn was written for children to describe God as “Maker of heaven and earth.” 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 Introduction and Response to the First Pew is from the early 20th Century Revival Movement The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn from New Zealand opens with an Australian aboriginal saying. The late 20th Century Sending Hymn was written after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Eastertide
Fifth Sunday

April 28, 2024
11:00 a.m.

I Am Your Mother (Earth Prayer)

I am your mother: do not neglect me!
Children, protect me - I need your trust:
my breath is your breath,
my death is your death,
ashes to ashes, dust into dust.

I am your nurture: do not destroy me!
Love and enjoy me, savor my fruit;
my good is your good,
my food is your food,
water and flower, branches and root.

I am your lodging: do not abuse me!
Tenderly use me, soothing my scars;
my health is your health,
my wealth is your wealth,
shining with promise, set among stars.

God is our maker: do not deny God,
challenge, defy God, threaten this place:
life is to cherish -
care, or we perish!
I am your mother, tears on my face ...

Shirley Murray

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