

After taking some food, he regained his strength.

Acts 9:19

Joy comes with the morning.

Psalms 30:5

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing.

Revelation 5:13

“It is the Lord!” **John 21:7**

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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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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 Prayer

***Hymn 611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Prayer for Joy

To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:
“Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy.

Response 230, v. 1, 4

*Joyful is the dark, holy hidden God,
rolling cloud of night beyond all naming:
majesty in darkness, energy of love,
Word-in-flesh, the mystery proclaiming.
Joyful is the dark coolness of the tomb,
waiting for the wonder of the morning;
never was that midnight touched by dread and glow:
darkness was the cradle of the dawning.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 240, refrain (3x)**

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

Blessing the World

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

+Response 623, v. 2

*I’ve got joy like a fountain; I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul. (Repeat)*

First Pew

+Response 623, v. 2

*I’ve got joy like a fountain; I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul. (Repeat)*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Psalms 30:1-5

Communal Proclamation

“This Morning Joy”

***Hymn 247**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Reception of New Members

Response 623, v. 2

*I’ve got joy like a fountain; I’ve got joy like a fountain;
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul. (Repeat)*

Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Friendship,” Cole Porter

***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 539**

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

***Postlude**

Joy in looking and comprehending is nature’s most beautiful gift.

Albert Einstein

When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy.

Rumi

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.

Thich Nhat Hanh

I have drunken deep of joy.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Call to Prayer

Karl Barth

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Sermons & Information

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Sunday, May 4 • Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1–6, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11–14, John 21:1–19

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Monday, May 5

Church Office Hours - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6

Church Office Closed

- 5:00 p.m. SPC Support Group via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Shepherdstown Ministerial Association Meeting – at Trinity

Wednesday, May 7

- 3:00 p.m. Quaker Mid-Week Worship – Sanctuary/Hybrid
- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir room
Sabbatical Planning Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, May 8

- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Saturday, May 10

- 6:00 p.m. Celebration in Honor of Dwight McCormick – Community Cup and More!

Sunday, May 11 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36–43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9–17, John 10:22–30

- 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!
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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Opening Hymn is the final movement of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*. The Response to the Prayer for Joy was created in the context of a charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, MI. The Response to Blessing the World, First Pew, and Reception of New Members is an African American spiritual. The Sermon Hymn grafts a 20th Century English text onto a late 15th Century French tune. The Communion Response is from the Taizé community. The Sending was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter and served as the recessional music for her wedding.

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Eastertide
Third Sunday

May 4, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Fear is the path to the dark side.

Fear leads to anger.

Anger leads to hate.

Hate leads to suffering.

Yoda

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We Choose Welcome