

“We too are God’s offspring.” **Acts 17:28**

God has kept us among the living. **Psalm 66:9**

Keep your conscience clear. **1 Peter 3:16**

“I will not leave you orphaned.” **John 14:18**

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Patch Sell
Keri Mahoney

Accompanist

Sam Jannotta

Interlude

Wanda Stewart

Offertory

Ryan Walker

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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 411 (2x)

*God is here today;
as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.*

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.

Easter Alleluia

Thanks be for Easter
for Christ who is risen,
with blessings of life all around;
*laughter of children,
dancing in worship,
soaring of eagles,
home for the stranger,
blessings expanding our world.*

*+Hymn 7

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Kyrie 579

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison ...
Kyrie eleison ...*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Alleluia 587 (2x)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World

Angola, Mozambique

+Response 188, v.1

First Pew

+Response 188, v.2

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”

Lesson

John 14:15-16

Sermon

“Mother Church”

*+Hymn 3

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Prayer for Mother’s Day

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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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

*Sending 547, v. 3

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

*Postlude

Only what is nurtured
will have a chance of survival. **Unknown**

We must recognize and
nurture the creative parts
of each other without
always understanding
what will be created.

Audre Lorde

To reflect on everything in
your daily life is to nurture
your buddha nature.

Shinjo Ito

Be the one who nurtures
and builds.

Marvin J. Ashton

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Wholeness
Cole Arthur Riley, *adapted*
@BlackLiturgies

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Flowers
In Honor of Helen Burns’
94th Birthday!
Love, John Burns

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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, May 14 • Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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

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

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

Monday, May 15

6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EYPA) - Classroom 1

Wednesday, May 17

10:30 a.m. Guns to Gardens Steering Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall

4:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Friends of Music Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Sanctuary

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

Friday, May 19

4:30 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Sanctuary

Saturday, May 20

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 21 • Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Guest Chris Morehouse - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

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

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom

12:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Sanctuary

First Aid Training at Shepherdstown Volunteer Fire Department

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The late 20th Century Argentinian Introit is popular throughout Latin America. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn employs imagery from the 14th Century mystic Julian of Norwich. The Kyrie is a Russian Orthodox chant. The Alleluia is a traditional liturgical text set to a Celtic tune. The Response to Blessing the World and First Pew is a mid 19th Century song of faith. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn offer expansive imagery for the Triune God. The late 20th Century Sending pairs the Aaronic blessing with a Welsh text.

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Eastertide

Sixth Sunday

May 14, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Nurture

From a documentary on marsupials I learn
that a pillowcase makes a fine
substitute pouch for an orphaned kangaroo.

I am drawn to such dramas of animal rescue.
They are warm in the throat. I suffer, the critic proclaims,
from an overabundance of maternal genes.

Bring me your fallen fledgling, your bumper lamb,

lead the abused, the starvelings, into my barn.
Advise the hunted deer to leap into my corn.

And had there been a wild child—
filthy and fierce as a ferret, he is called
in one nineteenth-century account—

a wild child to love, it is safe to assume,
given my fireside inked with paw prints,
there would have been room.

Think of the language we two, same and not-same,
might have constructed from sign,
scratch, grimace, grunt, vowel:

Laughter our first noun, and our long verb, howl.

Maxine Kumin

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