

During the night Paul had a vision. **Acts 16:9**

May God continue to bless us. **Psalms 67:7**

The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. **Revelation 22:2**

“Peace I leave with you.” **John 14:27**

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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 2253 (3x)
*Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced
in sculpting me, in sculpting me.*

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 Healing

***Hymn 479**
“Ho, All Who Thirst”

Prayer for Healing
let ruin end here
let him find honey
where there was once a slaughter
let him enter the lion’s cage
& find a field of lilacs
let this be the healing
& if not let it be

Response 480, v. 1, 4
*Take me to the water. Take me to the water.
Take me to the water to be baptized.
Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah.
Glory hallelujah to be baptized.*
*Take me to the water. Take me to the water.
Take me to the water to be baptized.*

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
Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

+Response 623, v. 1
*I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul. (Repeat)*

First Pew

+Response 623, v. 1
*I’ve got peace like a river; I’ve got peace like a river;
I’ve got peace like a river, in my soul. (Repeat)*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Revelation 22:1-2

Sermon
“Nation Healing”

***Hymn 346**
“For the Healing of the Nations”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Church on the Susquehanna,” *Van Wagner*

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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 (3x)**
*We shall not, we shall not be moved!
We shall not, we shall not be moved,
just like a tree planted by the water,
we shall not be moved!*

***Postlude**

In the dark night of the soul, bright flows the river of God. **Jan de la Cruz**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Prayer for Healing
Danez Smith


Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others
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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 25 • Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9–15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22 — 22:5 John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs
Monday, May 26 • Staff Holiday
Church Office Closed
6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting – Classroom 1
Tuesday, May 27
5:00 p.m. SPC Support Group via Zoom
Wednesday, May 28
4:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary until 7 pm
7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir room
Friday, May 30
4:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary
Saturday, May 31
1:00 p.m. Friends of Music Lunch for Musicians – Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary
Yarns & Threads Group – Library
7:30 p.m. Friends of Music Concert – Sanctuary
Sunday, June 1 • Seventh Sunday of Easter • PRIDE Sunday • Confirmands Sunday
Acts 16:16–34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21 John 17:20–26
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom
5:00 p.m. PRIDE March – Gather at German & Church Streets, March starts at 6 p.m.
Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is set to a Brazilian melody. The Opening Hymn brings together many biblical reference that enlarge an appreciation of baptismal water. The Response to the Prayer for Wholeness and the Introduction and Response to Blessing the World are African American Spirituals. The Alleluia is from an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary community in Ann Arbor, MI. The Sermon Hymn identifies some of the many ways we are called to share with God in the work of healing the nations. The Sending is a Jubilee quartet, based on an African American spiritual.

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Eastertide
Sixth Sunday

May 25, 2025
11:00 a.m.

The Healing Time

Finally on my way to yes
I bump into
all the places
where I said no
to my life
all the untended wounds
the red and purple scars
those hieroglyphs of pain
carved into my skin, my bones,
those coded messages
that send me down
the wrong street
again and again
where I find them
the old wounds
the old misdirections
and I lift them
one by one
close to my heart
and I say
holy holy

Persha Gertler

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