

Some are born that way.  
**Matthew 19:12-13**

In Christ, there is neither male nor female.  
**Galatians 3:28**

Do not call unclean what God has made clean.  
**Acts 10:13**

Anyone who says he loves God but hates a sibling is a liar. **1 John 4:20**

**Guest Reflections**  
Krisztina Thatcher  
Christopher Morehouse

**Assistants**  
Adalyn Norman  
Rob Mahaffey  
Jeananne Stine  
Lynne Wiseman

**Special Music**  
Than, Mary Anne, &  
Hazel Hitt  
Jeananne Stine

**Choir Director**  
Sheila Melendez

**Accompanist**  
Sam Jannotta

**Tech Support**  
Mark Nutwell

**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**  
“Over the Rainbow”

**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**, v. 1-4 (see insert)  
“For Everyone Born”

**Prayer for Wholeness** (see insert)

**Kyrie** (2x)  
*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on us.*  
*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy on us.*

**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**  
Bolivia, Chile, Peru

**+Response 623**, v. 3  
*I’ve got love like an ocean; I’ve got love like an ocean;*  
*I’ve got love like an ocean, in my soul. (Repeat)*

**First Pew**

**+Response 623**, v. 3  
*I’ve got love like an ocean; I’ve got love like an ocean;*  
*I’ve got love like an ocean, in my soul. (Repeat)*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

THE WORD OF HOPE

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**Reflection**  
  
**Interlude**  
“Rainbow,” *Kacey Musgraves*

**Lesson**  
Matthew 19:12  
  
**Reflection**  
“Wonderfully Made”  
  
\***Hymn**, v. 5-7 (see insert)  
“For Everyone Born”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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**Reception of Confirmands**

**Special Music**  
“Be Like the Bird”

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**  
“True Colors”

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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**  
“This Is Me”

\***Postlude**

The church has been the greatest perpetrator of injustice against LGBTQ people. **Janie Spahr**  
  
A closet in which you must hide ... is ... airless, confining, dark, hopeless. And the only thing that can redeem our lives from that ... is God’s steadfast love. **Chris Glaser**

Radical love, I contend, is a love so extreme that it dissolves our existing boundaries, whether they are boundaries that separate us from other people, that separate us from preconceived notions of sexuality and gender identity, or that separate us from God. **Patrick Cheng**


How do you tell people that they are walking around shining like the sun? **Thomas Merton**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

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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, June 1 • Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
*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  
12:15 p.m. PRIDE Reception – Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. PRIDE March – Gather at German & Church Streets, March starts at 6 p.m.  
Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center, Charles Town, WV 25414

**Monday, June 2**  
3:00 p.m. Mission Collaboration Meeting – Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, June 3**  
5:00 p.m. SPC Support Group via Zoom

**Wednesday, June 4**  
7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir room

**Thursday, June 5**  
11:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Picnic – Morgan’s Grove Pavilion  
6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Mecklenburg Inn, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

**Saturday, June 7**  
10:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

**Sunday, June 8 • Pentecost**  
*Acts 2:1–21, Psalm 104:24–34, 35b Romans 8:14–17, John 14:8–17 [25–27]*  
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar/Information Session on “The Big Bill” – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid  
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

You are God’s beloved child. I am God’s beloved child. And we have been given the wonderful and powerful gift of grace. Etched on my memory is the shift that happens in a person’s face when they begin to feel seen. **Rev. Jess Cook, MLP.** If I seek to follow Jesus, I cannot be content to protect myself while other people are suffering. **Rev. Alex Patchin McNeill, Director, MLP.** Aren’t we supposed to challenge these systems of oppression that keep us from each other?; God is so magnificent. **Rev. Janie Spahr, PCUSA.** Fill our hearts with a deep awareness of your love for us so that we may be free to love one another. Teach us to fearlessly celebrate our existence and to reach out to share that celebration with all. **Fr. John McNeill, gay Catholic priest.** Your lives matter. Your voices matter. Your stories matter. **Laverne Cox**

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**Eastertide**  
Seventh Sunday

**June 1, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.

Hope will never be silent. **Harvey Milk**

Hope is a song in a weary throat. **Pauli Murray**

Hope is the stuff that gets through and beyond  
when the worst that happens happens. **Peter Gomes**

Diversity is not accidental to God, it is the intentionality of God ...  
so that in diversity we may discover not just our own path,  
but the path of God. **Steven Biko**

Pride is faith in the idea that God had when God made us. **Karen Blixen**

Teach us to fearlessly celebrate our existence  
and to reach out to share that celebration with all. **John McNeill**

God needs you. He needs me. He needs all of us. **Mychal Judge**

I will not have my life narrowed down. **bell hooks**

We have to be visible. **Sylvia Rivera**

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