

“As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.”

2 Kings 2:2

Your way, O God, is holy.
Psalm 77:13

For freedom Christ has set us free. **Galatians 5:1**

“Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” **Luke 9:58**

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Tori Jones

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Sam Jannotta

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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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+Introit 281 (6x)

Holy Spirit, come to us.

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 Planting and Watering

The one who plants
and the one who waters
have one purpose.
God gives the growth!

+*Response 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer for Planting and Watering

Response 288 (2x)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 293, v. 1 (2x)**

*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.*

Blessing the World

Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba,
Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti,
Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and
the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

Response 21, v. 1

Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.

First Pew

Response 21, v. 2

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us. With thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:5-9; Ephesians 4:1-7

Sermon

“Planting, Watering, Growing in Grace!”

***Hymn 643**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“How Far You’ll Go”

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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 291, refrain (2x)**

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

*Postlude

We are all gardeners, planting seeds of intention and watering them with attention in every moment of every day. **Cristen Rodgers**

An idea needs propagation as much as a plant needs watering. **B. R. Ambedkar**

Don’t judge each day by the harvests you reap but by the seeds you plant.
Robert Louis Stevenson

The best time to plant a tree was 25 years ago. The second-best time to plant a tree is today.
Eliud Kipchoge

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others

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Sunday, June 29

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14 Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20 Galatians 5:1, 13–25 Luke 9:51–62

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

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

Summer Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Monday, June 30

11:00 a.m. Moral Monday Gathering – Washington, DC

12:00 p.m. Mission/Social Justice Collaboration Meeting – FH

Friday, July 4 • Independence Day Holiday

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 6

2 Kings 5:1–14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:[1–6] 7–16 Luke 10:1–11, 16–20

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Summer Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

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 the Taizé Community. Early versions of the Opening Hymn emphasized the eucharist before the theme shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience. The early 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Humility was inspired by the prophet Jeremiah. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a folk melody. The mid 19th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew was written in the Dakota language to fit the Dakota tune. The Sermon Hymn, set to a Welsh tune, was written for the opening of The Riverside Church in New York City. The Sending Refrain describes the breadth of experiencing the Spirit of God.

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Ordinary Time
Thirteenth Sunday

June 29, 2025

11:00 a.m.

The Summer Day

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean —

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down —

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

Mary Oliver

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We Choose Welcome