

“God created humankind in his image.” **Genesis 1:27**

“to set the mind on the Spirit it is life and peace.”

**Romans 8:6b**

“for it is sanctified by God’s word and by prayer.”

**1 Timothy 4:5**

“Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord”

**Psalms 119: 108**

**Guest Preacher**  
Rev. Harry Daniel

**Assistant**  
Chris Madeo

**Offertory**  
Liam Kradel

**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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**+Introit 205 (2x)**

*Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

### 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 Worship

**\*+Hymn 291**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

### Prayer for Wholeness

Everything that is – every tree, bird, star, stone, and wave –  
existed first as a dream in the mind of the divine artist.  
Indeed, the world is the mirror of the divine imagination,  
and to decipher the depths of the world  
is to gain deep insights into the heart of God.  
The traces of the divine imagination are everywhere.  
The beauty of God becomes evident  
in the beauty of the world.  
We are the ultimate participants here –  
the more we give ourselves to experience,  
and strive for expression,  
the deeper it opens before us.

**+Kyrie 577 (2x)**

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.*

### Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

**\*+Alleluia 587 (2x)**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### Blessing the World

Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia

**+Response 487, v. 1**

“These Treasured Children”

## First Pew

**+Response 487, v. 4**

“These Treasured Children”

## Welcome and Parish Life

### THE WORD OF HOPE

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Genesis 1:26-31 & 1 Timothy 4:5

**Sermon**

“God’s Final Word on Creation”

**\*+Hymn 22**

“God of the Sparrow”

### THE BREAD OF LIFE

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**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“In the Mood”

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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 628, v.2**

*Love, I will love you, Lord,  
with all my heart*

*O God I will tell the wonders of your ways,  
and glorify your name.*

*Love, I will love you Lord,  
with all my heart*

*In you I will find the source of all my joy  
Alleluia!*

**\*Postlude**

For a time, I rest in the  
grace of the world, and am  
free. **Wendell Berry**

Forget not that the earth  
delights to feel your bare  
feet and the winds long to  
play with your hair.

**Khalil Gibran**

The poetry of the earth is  
never dead. **John Keats**

Love the world as your  
own self; then you can truly  
care for all things.

**Lao Tzu**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

### Call to Worship

Wayne Muller “Sabbath:  
Finding Rest, Renewal, and  
Delight in Our Busy Lives”

### Prayer for Wholeness

John O’Donohue

### Flowers

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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.



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Ordinary Time  
Fifteenth Sunday

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July 16, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, July 16 • Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

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

**Wednesday, July 19**

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

**Friday, July 14 • Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, July 23 • Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

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

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

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**PASTOR GUSTI WILL BE ON VACATION through July 23.** Deacon Moderator Debbie Romano will be available for pastoral emergencies. Rev. Harry Daniel will serve as Guest Preacher on July 16 and 23.

**SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** will be Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays until September.

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is from the Taizé community. The Kyrie and Alleluia are traditional liturgical texts. The Response to the Declaration pairs an early 21st century text with a 15th century tune. The Sending is a simple song based on Psalm 9:1-2 and was created in the mid-1970's for a morning devotion of a group touring in the picturesque high Alps. Later to be incorporated into their programs and soon to spread throughout Europe and the world, being translated into many languages.

**SAVE • THE • DATE, CHURCH PICNIC,** September 10, 2023, 2pm - 5pm at Mogan's Grove Park. Details to be announced next month, but mark your calendars now to be a part of this amazing time of fellowship.

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**Time for Serenity, Anyone?** *excerpt*

I like to live in the sound of water,  
in the feel of mountain air.  
A sharp reminder hits me:  
this world still is alive;  
it stretches out there  
shivering toward its own creation,  
and I'm part of it.

**William Stafford**

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