

Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. **Genesis 29:22**

Remember the wonderful works God has done.

**Psalms 105:5**

That very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

**Romans 8:26**

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.”

**Matthew 13:44**

#### **Preacher**

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

#### **Assistant**

Bob Tucker

#### **Offertory**

Dianne Holliman, organ  
Georgiann Toole, piano

#### **Accompanist**

Sam Jannotta

#### **Tech Support**

Brad Toole

#### **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.

### **Prayer**

#### **\*+Hymn 611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

### **Prayer for The Story**

Grass repeats the story of the wind. It bends  
Down on glassy knees and whispers to the earth.  
The earth laughs lovelily and poisons its leaves.  
But this snow quieter than grass under rain, what does  
It tell of the sun? It is spineless. When the sun burns  
Its stoves, it emerges into the earth.  
It has nothing to tell, but it gives the words  
Of a story that the earth whispers to the grass.

### **+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**

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

### **+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**

Psalms 22:22-24

### **Sermon**

“A Testimony, Part Two”

### **\*+Hymn 250**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

### **THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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### **Prayer for Others**

### **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offertory**

““How Firm a Foundation”

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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 583**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia !*

### **\*Postlude**

A testimony is fragile. It is as hard to hold as a moonbeam.

**Harold B. Lee**

Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die, we can’t remember who we are or why we’re here.

**Sue Monk Kidd**

Inside each of us is a natural-born storyteller, waiting to be released.

**Robin Moore**

Share your story and you may help someone find their own.

**Demi Lovato**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

### **Call to Worship Lesson Translation**

Nan Merrill

*Psalms for Praying*

### **Prayer for The Story**

Carl Bulosan

### **Prayer for Others**

Satish Warriar

### **Flowers**

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**Sunday, July 30 • Seventeenth 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!

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom

4:00 p.m. Second Annual Youth Pool Party - Home of York/Dillow Family

**Wednesday, August 2**

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall

**Friday, August 4 • Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, August 5**

10:00 a.m. Deacon Shepherds Meeting - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, August 6 • Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21*

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

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

Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom

5:00 p.m. Community Meal - Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,  
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit and the Sending are from the Taizé community. The Opening Hymn pairs the words of an early 20th Century Presbyterian pastor with Beethoven's Ode to Joy. The Kyrie and Alleluia are traditional liturgical texts. The Response to the Declaration and First Pew pairs an early 21st century text with a 15th century tune. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn was inspired by a line from T.S. Eliot.

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**Ordinary Time**  
Seventeenth Sunday

**July 30, 2023**

11:00 a.m.

**Testimonial**

Back when the earth was new  
and heaven just a whisper,  
back when the names of things  
hadn't had time to stick;

back when the smallest breezes  
melted summer into autumn,  
when all the poplars quivered  
sweetly in rank and file ...

the world called, and I answered.  
Each glance ignited to a gaze.  
I caught my breath and called that life,  
swooned between spoonfuls of lemon sorbet.

I was pirouette and flourish,  
I was filigree and flame.  
How could I count my blessings  
when I didn't know their names?

Back when everything was still to come,  
luck leaked out everywhere.  
I gave my promise to the world,  
and the world followed me here.

**Rita Dove**

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