

I will sing for my beloved.
Isaiah 5:1

Restore us, O LORD God
of hosts. **Psalms 80:19**

Let us run with persever-
ance the race set before
us. **Hebrews 12:1**

“Do you think that I have
come to bring peace to the
earth?” **Luke 12:35**

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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 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 Survive

***+Hymn 410**

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

Prayer for Survival (see insert)

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

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

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

Hebrews 11:29-12:2, *selected verses*

Sermon

“Ethics of Survival”

***Hymn 783**

“When We Are Tested”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“I Will Survive”

† † †

***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 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**

To live is to suffer; to sur-
vive is to find some mean-
ing in the suffering.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Survival is the ability to
swim in strange water.

Frank Herbert

Extinction is the rule. Sur-
vival is the exception.

Carl Sagan

Survived the war but was
having trouble surviving
the peace.

Jim Northrup,
Anishinaabe

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Call to Survive

Nan Merrill

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others

Audre Lorde

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Sunday, August 17

Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 Hebrews 11:29–12:2 Luke 12:49–56

- 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, August 18

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 19

- 6:30 p.m. Documentary: *Bad Faith*, free screening – War Memorial Building, 102 E German St., Shepherdstown

Thursday, August 21

- 5:30 p.m. The Collaboration Team Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, August 24

Jeremiah 1:4–10 Psalm 71:1–6 Hebrews 12:18–29 Luke 13:10–17

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Annual Youth Pool Party – See Christa Joyce for details

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The Opening Hymn describes the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us. The early 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Survival 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 late 20th Century Sermon Hymn describes the reality of human temptation. The Sending Refrain describes the breadth of experiencing the Spirit of God.

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Ordinary Time
Twentieth Sunday

August 17, 2025
11:00 a.m.

The Journey

One day you finally knew
what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you
kept shouting
their bad advice—
though the whole house
began to tremble
and you felt the old tug
at your ankles.
“Mend my life!”
each voice cried. ...

... But little by little,
as you left their voices behind,
the stars began to burn
through the sheets of clouds,
and there was a new voice
which you slowly
recognized as your own,
that kept you company
as you strode deeper and deeper
into the world,
determined to do
the only thing you could do—
determined to save
the only life you could save.

Mary Oliver

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