

She named him Moses, “because, she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

**Exodus 2:10**

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. **Psalms 124:8**

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us. **Romans 12:6**

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.”

**Matthew 16:18**

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Rev. Harry Daniel

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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 (2x)**

*The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.*

**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 436**

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

**Prayer for Wholeness**

O God,  
who out of nothing  
brought everything that is,  
out of what we are  
bring more of what we dream  
but haven’t dared;  
direct our power and passion  
to creating life  
where there is death,  
to putting flesh of action  
on bare-boned intentions,  
to lighting fires  
against the midnight of indifference,  
to throwing bridges of care  
across canyons of loneliness;  
so we can look on creation,  
together with you,  
and behold,  
call it very good.

**+Kyrie 575 (2x)**

*Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*+Alleluia 586 (2x)**

*Alleluia alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Blessing the World**

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

**+Response 582, v1**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**First Pew**

**+Response 582, v2**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Ephesians 2:8-10 and Romans 14:7-9

**Sermon**

Grace: God Chooses the World

**\*+Hymn 649**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayers for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“If I Had a Hammer”

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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 748 (2x)**

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

**\*Postlude**

Grace is something you can never get but only be given. **Frederick Buechner**

No one dares to grieve who does not dare to love, and love is always part of costly grace.

**Madeleine L’Engle**

Maybe that’s one reason we worship – to respond to grace. **Kathleen Norris**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Opening Prayer**

Ian M. Fraser, *adapted*

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Ted Loder, *adapted*

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**Flowers**

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**Sunday, August 27 • Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20*

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, August 30**

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

**Friday, September 1 • Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, September 2**

10:00 a.m. Deacon's Meeting - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, September 3 • Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28*

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

4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing - Portico at SPC

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. The early 20th Century Opening Hymn is set to a 17th Century French tune. The Kyrie, Alleluia, and Responses to the Declaration and First Pew are traditional liturgical texts. The familiar Sermon Hymn was written by a slave trader turned abolitionist in the late 1700s. The Sending Hymn was created for a children's choir at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

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**Ordinary Time**

Twenty-First Sunday

**August 27, 2023**

11:00 a.m.

**Psalm 124**

If it were not for You, O Beloved,  
You who make all things new,  
Fear and chaos would reign  
in every heart;  
in You will I trust.

When doubt threatens to overwhelm  
and separate me,  
when anger makes me blind,  
Then You, O Merciful One,  
are ever-ready  
to awaken the holy, the sacred  
within me;

Then do your Living Streams of Grace  
enfold me.

Blessed are You, who are a very  
Presence to us,  
a comfort to troubled hearts!  
Grant us the strength of eagle wings,  
the courage to soar to new heights!  
Break within us the bonds of fear  
that we may live with love!

Our guidance comes from You,  
O Counselor,  
Blessed are You, O Giver of Life!  
Beloved of my heart!

**Nan Merrill**

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