

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

**Exodus 16:2**

Egypt was glad when they departed, for the dread of them had fallen upon it.

**Psalms 105:38**

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. **Philippians 1:27**

“Are you envious because I am generous?”

**Matthew 20:15**

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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 455 (2x)**

*Listen to the word that God has spoken;  
listen to the One who is close at hand;  
listen to the voice that began creation;  
listen even if you don’t understand.*

**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 Hope**

**\*+Hymn 692**

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Anger is like a strong wind.  
It calms down after a while,  
But lots of branches are  
already broken.

**+Response (2x)**

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

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*+Response 586**

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

**Blessing the World**

The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros,  
Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives

**+Response 188, v. 1**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

**First Pew**

**+Response 188, v. 2**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Ephesians 4:25-32, *selected verses*

**Sermon**

“The Sun Goes Down”

**\*+Hymn 693**

“Though I May Speak”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayer for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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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 (2x)**

*Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.*

**\*Postlude**

Where there is anger, there  
is always pain underneath.

**Eckhart Tolle**

Anger is a sign that something needs to change.

**Mark Epstein**

Anger can be ... the thing that moves us beyond the acceptance of evil.

**Joan Chittister**

Anger is really disappointed hope.

**Erica Jong**

*\*Please rise in body and spirit.*

**Call to Hope**

St. Augustine

**Lesson Translation**

Gusti Linnea Newquist

**Prayer for Others**

Maya Angelou, *excerpt*

**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.



**Ordinary Time**  
Twenty-fifth Sunday

**September 24, 2023**  
11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, September 24 • Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education Kick-off - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Downstairs

**Monday, September 25**

- 6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance - Classroom 1

**Tuesday, September 26**

- 12:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Upstairs Hallway outside Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Wednesday, September 27**

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

**Saturday, September 30**

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, October 1 • Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship with Communion - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Adult Education Kick-off - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion- Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing - Portico/Sanctuary
- 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 a short song from Canada. The Opening Hymn is a late 20th Century prayer set to an Irish melody. The Response to the Prayer for Wholeness is from the Taizé community. The Alleluia is a traditional liturgical text. The Response before and after the First Pew is a 19th Century summary of Christian teaching. The Sermon Hymn is a late 20th Century summary of 1 Corinthians 13 set to an English melody. The Sending is the refrain of a 21st Century hymn of liberation.

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**Song for Putting Aside Anger**

Four small walls open to the sky: you are  
in a small prison. There is no door.  
You are here for hatred, theft; it doesn't  
matter. You might have been here all your life.  
You might have come yesterday. It feels like  
your entire life. It feels like your friends  
have all died. You imagine their bodies  
in a white room. Perhaps you killed them.  
Your throat is too small for your hatred.  
You sit sifting dirt through your fingers.  
You say it is your heart: a dry sand,  
an encumbrance. You wish it were a  
red bird in the blue sky above you.

In the hills above you, a dozen monks  
hurry along a road toward a mountain.  
They wear blue robes. They play flutes and  
small cymbals. In the midst of four walls,  
you listen to the high notes of the flutes,  
the chime of the cymbals. The sounds turn,  
spin together in the air around you,  
weaving together into a thin rope.  
Having found it, you must trust it.  
This is how you put aside anger:  
pulling yourself up, hand over hand.

**Stephen Dobyn**

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