

GAZA FOOD FUND: SPC is taking up a special collection all summer for a food fund to send to World Central Kitchen for Gaza famine relief. The fund was kick-started by a challenge donation of \$2,000 and has exceeded \$6000. As donations continue to come in, check the "volcano chart" in the Fellowship Hall for current information. Any donations that you put into the "Special Offerings" envelopes in the sanctuary pew racks will go to this fund, or you can make checks out to SPC and put "Gaza" on the memo line. Please give generously and let's put this fund over the top for the people of Gaza!

LGBTQIA YOUTH NEED A SAFE SPACE NOW MORE THAN EVER. LGBTQIA youth and parents' rights are under attack in WV. Leading up to the 2024 election, it is more important than ever that we provide a safe space for our gay and trans youth. Please consider volunteering to be a presence on alternating Monday evenings either in Martinsburg or in Shepherdstown for just an hour and a half. The training is short and online. Any evening spent with kids, who have one less worry because you're there is rewarding. Email PanhandleYouth@gmail.com for more information or questions.

THE PRAYERNET is available to share your joys and concerns throughout the week. Sent out via email to a group of SPC-ers who have agreed to hold your prayers in their hearts. To share your prayers with the PrayerNet and/or to join the PrayerNet, reach out to our prayer team at prayernet@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

Prayer for Wholeness

The Vast Ocean Begins Just Outside Our Church: The Eucharist

Something has happened
to the bread
and the wine.

They have been blessed.
What now?

The body leans forward
to receive the gift
from the priest's hand,
then the chalice.

They are something else now
from what they were
before this began.

I want
to see Jesus,
maybe in the clouds
or on the shore,
just walking,
beautiful man
and clearly
someone else
besides.

On the hard days
I ask myself
if I ever will.

Also there are times
my body whispers to me
that I have.

Mary Oliver

Eucharistic Prayer

God of Grape and Grain is with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to God and one another.

Maker of earth and sky, we give thanks.

Grant unto us communion with thee.

As we remember Word Made Flesh,

as we come to taste the bread and cup,

we speak of that faith which is so mysterious:

Bread is broken; Bread is risen; All who hunger will be fed

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight:

subsistence for the call of

growing life.

Give us the food we need to grow

through each new day,

through each illumination of life's needs.

Let the measure of our need be earthiness:

give all things simple, verdant,

passionate.

Produce in us, for us, the possible:

each only-human step toward home

lit up.

Help us fulfill what lies within

the circle of our lives: each day we ask

no more, no less.

Animate the earth within us: we then

feel the Wisdom underneath

supporting all.

Generate through us the bread of life:

we hold only what is asked to feed

the next mouth.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.

Neil Douglas-Klotz

Sung Response 527

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.*