

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

Deuteronomy 18:15

God has shown the people the power of divine work, in giving them the heritage of the nations. **Psalm 111:6**

Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by God.

1 Corinthians 8:1-2

What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.

Mark 1:27

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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+Hymn 32 (v. 1-2)

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Prayer for Wholeness

O you who are beyond all names,
help me to balance power and compassion,
as I open wide the doors of my heart
for the life of the universe to flow through.
Unfold for me your best keep secret:
how by becoming the stream of the universe,
I may learn to be playful, yet prayerful,
ever-relaxed, yet constantly alert,
always prepared, yet carefree as a child,
and so achieve the harmony of heaven.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Austria, Lichtenstein, Switzerland,
Andorra, Monaco, San Marino

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

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THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

“Engaging the Powers”

Hymn 181

“Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

Credo

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.

Charge and Benediction

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Sending (2x)

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

Power always thinks ... that it is doing God's service when it is violating all his laws.

John Adams

Having power is not nearly as important as what you choose to do with it. **Roald Dahl**

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. **Alice Walker**

At any given moment you have the power to say this is not how the story is going to end. **Christine Mason Miller**

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Prayer for Wholeness
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Sunday 31 • Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

Tuesday 2

10:30 a.m. Administrative staff meeting via Zoom
2:00 p.m. Deacon Jamieson “Flock” gathering via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Thursday 4

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women via Zoom
3:00 p.m. Staffing Model Task Force via Zoom

Saturday 6

10:00 a.m. Deacon Shepherds meeting via Zoom

Sunday 7 • Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-398

9:30 a.m. Coffee Talk with Pastor Gusti via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion via Facebook Live!
5:00 p.m. Community Dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

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WELCOME NATHAN HOWARD! The session has entered into a temporary contract with Nathan Howard to provide videography and production services for online worship through the end of June. Many thanks to Nathan for stepping up to this role.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, 10 a.m. via Zoom. Chapter 8, “What is the school to prison pipeline?” in *So you want to talk about race* by Ijeoma Oluo.

COMMUNITY MEAL on Feb. 7 will consist of “to-go” boxes for our friends in need. Go to [PerfectPotluck.com](https://www.perfectpotluck.com), coordinator Wright, password 5777 to sign up. This month’s specialty will be chili with side salads, fruit, snacks and drinks. Donations should be at SPC by 3:15 that Sunday.

SUNDAY SEMINAR 2021 During the winter and early spring of this new year we continue our explorations of

racism and racial justice by reading *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram Kendi. Books are at Four Seasons Books. The book costs \$24.56 with tax & discount but make sure you tell them it’s for SPC to include the discount. Feb. 14 will cover chapters 5 & 6 (Ethnicity & Body)

DONATE YOUR IRA/RMD. If you are over age 70 1/2, you can donate part or all of your IRA RMD (required minimum distribution) to the church directly. There are tax advantages to doing so, especially if you don’t itemize deductions. Contact your IRA custodian to determine the necessary steps. For additional information, contact the Stewardship Committee

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING have been suspended until further notice. Please contact the church if your committee or team is planning to meet electronically so we can add it to notices and calendar.

Ordinary Time
Fourth Sunday

January 31, 2021
11:00 a.m.

POWER

Living in the earth—deposits of our history

Today a backhoe divulged out of a crumbling flank of earth
one bottle amber perfect a hundred-year-old
cure for fever or melancholy a tonic
for living on this earth in the winters of this climate.

Today I was reading about Marie Curie:
she must have known she suffered from radiation sickness

her body bombarded for years by the element
she had purified

It seems she denied to the end
the source of the cataracts on her eyes
the cracked and suppurating skin of her finger-ends
till she could no longer hold a test-tube or a pencil

She died a famous woman denying
her wounds
denying
her wounds came from the same source as her power.

Adrienne Rich

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