

So Moses prayed for the people. **Numbers 21:7b**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and God saved them from their distress. **Psalms 107:19**

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. **Ephesians 2:8**

Those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God. **John 3:21**

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit Hymn 842 (2x)

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
in God I trust; in God I trust.

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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 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayer for Wholeness

May we abandon our self-limited desires
and let the longing of God rise in us.

May we want nothing
and let God's hunger fill us.

May we lay down our destructive power
and let the power of love

be a hammer in our hand
that is not in our hand, but God's.

Searching, may we put away our lantern.
See, the candle is already lit within us.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Japan (including indigenous nations),
North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

Minute for Mission

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THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

Sermon

"The Stockdale Paradox"

Hymn 684

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Memorial Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

+Response Hymn 750

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"

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 Hymn 502 (v. 2, 4)

"We Who Once Were Dead"

In surrendering to our deepest fears, we put ourselves in touch with the fundamental awareness of just being - the true ground that is always available to us. **Ezra Bayda**

The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure that you seek. **Joseph Campbell**

You must do the thing you think you cannot do. **Eleanor Roosevelt**

Come to the edge, he said. They came, he pushed them, and they flew. **Source Unknown**

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Prayer for Wholeness
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Sunday, March 14 • Fourth Sunday in Lent • DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - Clocks ahead one hour

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom. Chapters 11 & 12 (Black, Class)
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion via Facebook Live!
- 2:00 p.m. Walking Parade to Willow Tree Healthcare

Tuesday, March 16

- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Wednesday, March 17

- 10:00 a.m. Listening Group via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Lenten Reflection “What it Means to Rise from the Dead” via Zoom

Thursday, March 18

- 2:00 p.m. Eastertide Worship Planning via Zoom

Saturday, March 20

- 8:30 a.m. Men’s breakfast via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Session retreat via Zoom

Sunday, March 21 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:1–12; Hebrews 5:5–10; John 12:20–33

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar via Zoom. Chapters 13 & 14 (Space, Gender)
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship and Communion via Facebook Live!

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INTO THE WILDERNESS: A Lenten Journey through Mar. 28. Our theme invites us to join Jesus with the “wild beasts” in the wilderness. What do we learn about God and ourselves when life as we know it is stripped down to its core? How do we carry what we learn in the desert into our ministries of justice and compassion?

WHAT IT MEANS TO RISE FROM THE DEAD:

Mid-Week Lenten Reflections. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Weekly gatherings in Lent will reflect on these questions and more with music, art, story, and contemplation. March 17: What Jesus Really Says About Resurrection.

EASTER

WATER THROUGH THE WILDERNESS: A Virtual Service for **Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.** This year’s service will reimagine the traditional ceremony of foot-washing as an oasis of hope through the desert of Good Friday.

VIRTUAL VIGIL Through the Desert of Good Friday begins via Zoom: **Thursday, April 1, 8:00 p.m. through noon Friday, April 2.** Images of the “wilderness experience” in landscape and the human condition will guide us in prayers for compassion and justice. See weekly e-notice to sign-up for a time slot.

EASTER OFFERING OGHs (One Great Hour of Sharing) will be shared: 50% to humanitarian ministries of the PCUSA (hunger relief, disaster assistance, self-development of people projects), 25% to Jefferson County Community Ministries (JCCM), and 25% to Good Shepherd. Make checks to SPC; memo: OGHs.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE OUTSIDE!!!! April 4, gather at 6:30 a.m. for an informal service at Rumsey Monument Park, the end of Mill Street in Shepherdstown. Please bring a chair, wear a mask, and gather on the grass area below the monument. Also, bring a reading, poem, or song to share with the group. Bring your own coffee or tea and donuts will be provided.

Season of Lent
Fourth Sunday

March 14, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Openings

Every place has an opening.
There is no scorecard
for whether you take it
or not, whether you glide over
or whether you founder
People who’ve been there will tell you
there is great value
in the most hopeless place –
they will tell you how they found a door there
that opens unimaginable light
And some may note
the value wasn’t in the circumstance
but in its inability
(although they thought it would)
to snuff them out
and how that helped them grasp
what they are made of.
Wherever you may find yourself,
take heart. Ultimately,
there is no way that you can fail.
Every moment has its opening –
When you’re ready,
you’ll go in.

Wendy Mulhern

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