

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (1x leader; 3x congregation)
Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.

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 true 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 232 (v. 1 & 4)
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

There is good in this.
It’s like a rainbow. Travel until you get to the gold at the end.
There may be ups and downs, like this time of struggle.
We shall find hope in things we never expected.
We shall not lose faith. We shall strive for the best.
It may take months, it may take a year.
We shall not let ourselves stand on our own way
but shall step aside and allow faith to guide.
We need rain to make a rainbow.
It’s ok to be like the rain sometimes, sad.
But remember to look for the sun, and the rainbow.
There is good in this.

+Kyrie eleison (2x)

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy...

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

+Response (3x)

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah.*

Blessing the World

Kenya, Tanzania

Hymn 322 (1x leader; 2x congregation)

“We Are One in Christ Jesus”

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; he went about doing good and heading all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
Acts 10:38

The LORD is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.
Psalms 118:14

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
Colossians 3:4

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”
Matthew 28:10

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Welcome and Parish Life

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Hymn 238 (v. 1-2)
“Thine Is the Glory”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10 (*The Message* translation)

Sermon

“After the Sabbath”

+**Hymn 246** (v. 1, 3, 5)
“Christ Is Alive”

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Interlude

SERVING THE WORLD

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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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.

Response

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

Helen Keller

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.

Albert Camus

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Confucius

And here you are living ... despite it all.

Rupi Kaur

Flowers

from the garden of
Gusti & Christopher

Christ is Risen

Zimbabwe traditional

+Introits & Hymns

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Sun 12 • Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

Tue 14

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

Thu 16

7:00 p.m. Session meeting via Zoom

Sun 19 • Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22–32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–3

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!
12:30 p.m. More Light meeting via Zoom.

SUNDAY WORSHIP will be live streamed via the SPC Facebook group—just click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spcworks> and wait for the “live stream” box to appear—Sunday @ 11.

MORE LIGHT virtual meeting via Zoom. **Sunday, April 19, 12:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. Input needed for a special activity this spring in lieu of Pride. Contact Chris Morehouse at 304-919-6005 or christophermorehou@gmail.com on how to join.

IN SUPPORT OF THOSE LOSING THEIR INCOME due to the novel coronavirus, the session encouraged those who are able to make a donation to the Pastor Discretionary Fund. You may write a check or give online and list “pastor discretionary” in the memo line.

ANY PARISHIONERS IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS as a result of the novel coronavirus are encouraged to reach out to Pastor Gusti at 518/390-3929 or gusti@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

ENGAGED COMPASSION AT SPC DURING CORONAVIRUS. If you are a senior citizen, live alone with a chronic illness or others with underlying health issues, SPC has enlisted a number of younger church members to help folks with grocery shopping

and/or prescription pickup or to run other necessary errands. Contact Cari Simon, at 301-401-3004 or cfhosimon@gmail.com and she will match you with a volunteer. Please spread the word to our SPC family who don’t have access to email.

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH have been suspended through April 30. Please email office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org if your committee or team is planning to meet electronically.

FACE MASKS. If you know your way around a sewing machine and have cotton fabric, we ask that you sew masks for SPC members and for our volunteer shoppers. There are many examples on YouTube and on other sites. Please call Cari Simon at 301-401-3004 or email her at cfhosimon@gmail.com if you can help. She’ll arrange for pickup and delivery.

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. Please convert fishbox coins to a check and mail to SPC memo: OGHS or give online at www.shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

Easter Sunday
Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Poem for a Time of Crisis

What is that small feathered thing
meek & knowing that survived
in cramped quarters with all that would
soon be released upon us?
Without fear she lets me reach
deep into her now-lidless box
lift her in my hand & feel
her gentle heart thrumming
Is she kin to the dove Noah released from
his window or the first robin of spring?
Those who have come through storms
will recognize her plumage
Like to the lark at break of day she’ll sing
We have not been left alone Her belief
merges with mine as I fling
her skyward & watch her take wing
knowing she’ll return with an olive leaf

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