

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

Acts 7:55

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Psalm 31:16

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation. **1 Peter 2:2**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:1

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Interlude & Offertory

Kipyn Martin

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

+**Introit** (1x leader, 3x congregation)

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

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 687 (v. 1, 3, 4, 6)

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

“The 23rd Psalm” by Bobby McFerrin

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Angola, Mozambique

+**Hymn 322** (1x leader, 2x congregation)

Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.

Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.

Un solo Dios, un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo amor,
un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu, y ése es el Consolador.

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

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HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

“Anthem”

Leonard Cohen

Lesson

Psalm 31

Sermon

“Refuge and Strength”

+**Hymn 214** (v. 1, 3, 5)

“You Are My Refuge, Faithful God”

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“God is Love”

Kipyn Martin

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 (1x leader, 2x congregaton)

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

Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

Any refuge other than God is probably something that I should seek refuge from rather than seek refuge in.

Craig D. Lounsbrough

I am slowly, painfully discovering that my refuge is not found in my mother, my grandmother, or even the birds ... My refuge exists in my capacity to love. If I can learn to love death then I can begin to find refuge in change.

Terry Tempest Williams

Don't let the rain drive you to the wrong shelter; the shade can turn out to be your protector and also your destroyer, and sometimes the rain is the perfect protector from the rain.

Michael Bassey Johnson

Most people have forgotten nowadays what a house can mean, though some of us have come to realize it as never before. It is a kingdom of its own in the midst of the world, a stronghold amid life's storms and stresses, a refuge, even a sanctuary.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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+Introits & Hymns

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Sun 10 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Tue 12

10:30 a.m. Administrative staff meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Thu 14

7:00 p.m. Session via Zoom

Sun 17 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22–31; Psalm 66:8–20; 1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21

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11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING have been suspended through May 31. Please contact the church office if your Committee or Team is planning to meet electronically.

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.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION. Sunday, May 17 is Graduation Sunday! If you or someone you know graduates from high school or college this year, please let the office know. office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org

TEACH THE PREACHER 7:00-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays via Zoom. (contact the office on how to join) Join Pastor Gusti for discussion of the readings for the following Sunday’s service.

SUNDAY SEMINAR conversations on “*Race, Privilege and Faith*” will continue with Jennifer Harvey’s book: *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*. **Sunday’s at 9:30 a.m.** via Zoom (contact the office on how to join).

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 members to help with grocery shopping, 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.

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Eastertide
Fifth Sunday

May 10, 2020
11:00 a.m.

REFUGE

I’ll tell you this:
I am the only part of winter left.
It beckoned and I followed,
past all reason,
followed it like the end of a broken train
through white woods,
and I stayed, with simple tools,
set on trying to construct more of a season.
It has taken all of me to do it,
and you would not believe the storms.
You would not believe how I sleep.
From here anything
would sound like a cry.
Everything looks like pieces of God.

Jill Osier

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