

Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:28

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. **Matthew 13:1**

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GATHERING OUR HEARTS

#Introit (1x leader, 2x congregation)

Praise God, all you nations. People of God, sing praise!

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God's love is great and endures forever.

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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 162

"O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Sometimes the world feels like it is split apart,
but we have the power to make it whole again.

An artist's pallet has many colors.

Maybe there is one certain color you love,
perhaps that color blends with a different color
to make it even better.

We can help this world mix and change
but we need all colors, all help, and all have equal value.

Let us move on from yesterday
and start thinking about tomorrow.

Response

America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

America! America! May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Aotearoa (New Zealand), Australia (plus Maori)

+Hymn 340 (v. 1 & 2)

"This Is My Song"

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

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HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

"How are You Listening?"

+Hymn 171

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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.

Sending

In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

The logic behind patriotism is a mystery. At least a man who believes that his own family or clan is superior to all others is familiar with more than 0.000003% of the people involved. **Criss Jami**

Someday, I hope that we will all be patriots of our planet and not just of our respective nations. **Zoe Weil**

Today, more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of Universal responsibility, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life.

Dalai Lama

Ultimately, a great nation is a compassionate nation.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Sun 12 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sun 19 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 28:10–19a; Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24; Romans 8:12–25; Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

PASTOR GUSTI will be taking vacation through July 26. Several pastors in the presbytery are available for pastoral emergencies, as needed. Please contact Debbie Romano for more information.

REV. DR. AMAURY TAÑÓN-SANTOS (he/him/his) joins us today from Albany, NY. He serves as Synod Networker for the Synod of the Northeast – the region of the PCUSA that gathers Presbyterians in New England, New Jersey and New York. A native Puerto Rican, Amaury has served as Director of Programs for Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary and as pastor of congregations in the northeastern United States.

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING have been suspended through August. Please contact the church office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org if your committee or team is planning to meet electronically so we can add it to notices and the calendar.

AS PART OF OUR ONGOING WORK on racism and privilege, the Session is requesting all members and friends of the congregation to watch either the *Just Mercy* movie or the *True Justice* documentary about the work of the Equal Justice Initiative. Sunday Seminars and other activities in August will encourage the congregation to gather in conversation about how the Equal Justice Initiative applies to our ministry right here in the Eastern Panhandle.

TEACH THE PREACHER will resume Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Pastor Gusti for discussion of the readings for the following Sunday's service.

NEXT WEEK GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Ashley Birt (she/her/hers) will join us from Rutgers Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, where she serves as Pastoral Fellow for Youth and Families. Ashley's interests include the intersections of racial justice, children and youth, interfaith communication, LGBTQ+ issues (particularly the B), and Christianity. When she isn't at church or doing social justice work, she enjoys writing, sound editing and theatre tech. She has recently been elected co-moderator of the Board of More Light Presbyterians.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be held in August and/or September for those wishing to explore official membership at SPC. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the church office

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Ordinary Time
Fifteenth Sunday

July 12, 2020
11:00 a.m.

GENEROUS LISTENING

A conversation can be a contest,
or a game of catch with invisible balloons.
They bounce between us, growing and shrinking,
sometimes floating like cloud medicine balls,
and sometimes bowling at us like round anvils.
You toss a phrase and understanding blooms
like an anemone of colored lights.
My mind fireworks with unasked questions.
Who is this miracle speaking to me?
And who is this miracle listening?
What amazings are we creating?
Out of gray matter a star spark of thought
leaps between synapses into the air,
and pours through gray matter, into my heart:
how can I not listen generously?

Marilyn Nelson

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