And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly. **2 Samuel 7:10**

I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips. **Psalm 89:34**

So he came to proclaim peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

Ephesians 2:17

He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile."

Mark 6:31

Reflections

Ms. Sue DeVall, Buddhist Representive from Interfaith Power & Light

> Worship Leader Debbie Romano

Music Leader Terry Tucker

Reader Morgan Sell

Technology Crew Nathan Howard Morgan Sell Bill Rule

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+**Introit (3x)** 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

+**Hymn 635(3x)** Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

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Prayer for Wholeness

May all mother sentient beings, limitless as space, have happiness and the causes of happiness! May they be free from suffering and the causes of suffering! May they not be separated from the happiness that is free from sorrow! May they rest in equanimity, free from attachment and aversion!

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading "Psalm 14" by Nan Merrill

Interlude

Reading

Reflection "Religious Practice as Climate Action"

+Hymn 646 (3x)

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glorify the Lord God!

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

SÖ NAM DI YI THAM CHÉ ZIK PA NYI / THOP NÉ NYÉ PÉ DRA NAM PHAM JÉ TÉ / KYÉ GA NA CHI BA LONG TRUK PA YI / SI PÉ TSO LÉ DRO WA DRÖL WAR SHOK

By this merit may I attain omniscience. Having defeated the enemies —my wrongdoings—may I liberate all beings who are tossed in the ocean of samsāra by the waves of birth, old age, sickness, and death!

DRO KÜN GÉ WA JI NYÉ YÖ PA DANG / JÉ DANG JÉ GYUR DÉ ZHIN JÉ PADANG / ZANG PO JI ZHIN DÉ DRÉ SADAK LA / KÜN NÉ KÜN KYANG ZANG POR REK GYUR CHIK

Whatever virtue sentient beings possess, whatever good they have done, will do, and are doing now—whatever goodness there may be —may it permeate all be-ings everywhere!

Offering Our Gifts

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 748 (3x)** Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you. Stay Close to any sounds that make you glad you are alive. Hafez

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

Gautama Buddha

The quieter we become, the more we can hear. **Rumi**

Wisdom comes only when you stop looking for it and start living the life the Creator intended for you. **NativeAmerican saying**

Prayer for Wholeness The Four Immeasurables

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Ordinary Time Sixteenth Sunday

Sunday, July 18 Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

Friday, July 23 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer Balcony and via Zoom

Sunday, July 25 Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 11:1–15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14–21; John 6:1–21
11:00 a.m.Service of Worship via Facebook Live!
3:00 p.m. Session 3 of Eradicatng Systemic Povery Program (see below)

PASTOR GUSTI IS ON VACATION THROUGH July 25. Guest preachers are listed below. Deacon Co-Moderator, Debbie Romano (romano.debbie@gmail.com) is available for Pastoral Care. Lynn Dampman is monitoring Pastor Gusti's email in her absence.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ms. Sue DeVall, Buddhist Representive from Interfaith Power & Light. She along with her husband are residents of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia where they have owned a small working farm since 2000 called Blue Mountain Farm. She works as a licensed clinical social worker as a psychotherapist and independent contractor in Shepherdstown for Potomac Crossroads Counseling. In November 2018 she was invited to become a member of the West Virginia chapter steering committee of Interfaith Power and Light. In 1994, Susan became a Buddhist and served on the Board of Directors of Tibetan Meditation Center in Frederick, MD off and on for 20 years. She also engages in Buddhist practices that follow the mindfulness traditions associated with

Buddhist psychology. ERADICATING SYSTEMIC POVERTY Session 3 - July 25 3:00-4:30 p.m. Tuscarora Presbyterian Church - Church Hall 8308 Tuscarora Pike, Martinsburg (1/2 mile from the church)Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao will lead Bible Study/Discussion: Amos 2:6, 5:11-15; Luke 1: 46-56, 4: 16-19. What does the Lord require of us? Micah 6:8 Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger by Ron Sider. Speaker: Rev. John Peterson. If you would like to participate via Zoom: please email or call one of the following people. We will need your email address to send the Zoom link to the meeting: Kate Lewis Brown - johnkatebrown@comcast.net 304-754-5039 Karen Thatcher - 1kthatcher@ msn.com 304-433-5572.

A GATHERING SPACE FOR PRAYER . We are a community of prayer, centering on the Love and Grace of God. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month at 12 noon in the balcony at SPC. The zoom link will be open for those who wish to join us remotely.

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His Holiness The Dalai Lama

Religion should not be just limited to praying. Ethical action is more important than prayers.

What is Buddha, Allah or Christ supposed to do if we human beings destroy our earth;

fill the oceans with plastic so that fish, seals and whales perish; and cause rapid increase of desertification and greenhouse gases to be released into the atmosphere?

Christ, Allah or Buddha is not responsible for the climate change and the destruction of the environment; it is a man-made problem.

> Therefore, we must take the responsibility and find solutions to the problems. That is why we need environmental ethics that focus on action and compassion for all sentient beings."

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