

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.

2 Samuel 11:2

The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

Psalms 14:2

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth. **Ephesians 3:18**

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **John 6:11**

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Worship Leader

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Georgiann Toole

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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 284(3x)

Holy Spirit, come to us;
kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us.
Holy Spirit, come to us.

Prayer for Wholeness

God of complicated hope, we confess
that we have made for ourselves a dainty hope.
It is difficult to accept the hope of inspirational quotes,
when we see the traumas of this world clear and constant.
Many of us have had language of "hoping in God"
wielded against us a way to keep us from the lament
and anger and justice we were meant for.
Protect our hope from toxic positivity, that we could name truth
of our deepest longings and face a waiting marked
by pain and want. We believe, forgive our unbelief that what is
will not always be. Help us learn to allow our dreaming to be
a deep guttural groan, a promise that we can recline into,
a place where we can catch our breath.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Psalms 14
by Nan Merrill

Interlude

Lesson

2 Kings 4:42-44
John 6:1-21

Sermon

Hymn 205 (3x)

Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

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 +Hymn 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 be3 our gift to you.

What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Henry David Thoreau

It is in solitude that we discover that being is more important than having and that we are worth more than the results of our efforts. In solitude we discover that our life is not a possession to be defended but a gift to be shared.

Henri Nouwen

May you never thirst again at the wellspring waiting inside you.

Scott Erickson

Your God given gifts will make room for unexpected pockets of grace for when you need it most.

Zim Flores

Prayer for Wholeness

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Sunday, July 25 Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

3:00 p.m. Eradicating Systemic Poverty Program - Session 3
at Tuscarora Presbyterian Church (see below)

Monday, July 26

7:30 p.m. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, July 29

7:00 p.m. Special Session Meeting - SPC Fellowship Hall & Zoom

Sunday, August 1 Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 *Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Psalm 51:1–12; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:24–35*

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

4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Rumsey Monument Park

5:00 p.m. Community Dinner held at Zion Episcopla Church Social Hall

PASTOR GUSTI IS ON VACATION THROUGH July 25. 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. Melva Lowry is an ordained ruling elder in the PC (USA). She is under care of Greater Atlanta Presbytery and a member at Rice Memorial Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. She graduated from PC (USA) affiliated schools for undergrad and her graduate theological education. She was recently serving the National Offices of the PC (USA) as one of the Hands and Feet Fellows for the 2020 General Assembly in Baltimore, MD. She has worked

with SPC youth on their mission trips to Baltimore and is a long-time friend and colleague of Pastor Gusti serving with her in National Network of Presbyterian College Women (NNPCW) while an undergrad.

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.

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Ordinary Time
Seventeenth Sunday

July 25, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Psalm 14

The hearts of fools say, "There is no power in Love."
They are ignorant; they torture themselves and others;
They walk in utter darkness calling it light.

Love looks into the heart of every person,
to see if any act with wisdom, if any seek to walk with Love.

Many there are who have gone astray,
who are ruled by greed and power.
Is there one who is wise and kind?

Have they no knowledge, all the ignorant,
who devour people and nations as if they were bread,
and never call upon Love?

Terror will reign in their hearts;
for Love's friend is Truth
and in Truth will those who seek Love's way be set free.

O that the hearts of Love's children might wrestle with angels!
O that they might rejoice in life, in the abundance of Love's gifts!

by Nan Merrill

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