

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (809, v. 1 & 4)

“Why has God forsaken me?” cried our Savior from the cross
as he shared the loneliness of our deepest grief and loss.
Mystery shrouds our life and death but we need not be afraid,
for the mystery’s heart is love,
God’s great love which Christ displayed.

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 450
“Be Thou My Vision”

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Soften our touch, O God:
for your creation suffers from warring and pollution
and your people reach out for help and solace
Encourage and strengthen us with your wisdom
Until we become like You fashioners of justice and love
Hands open for peace and benediction
Gathering blessing and flourishing life for all. Amen.

Kyrie 2x

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

*Response

We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.
God will see us through; God will see us through;
God will see us through today.
O, deep in my I heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.

Blessing the World

Djibuiti, Somalia

Hymn (177, refrain) 2x

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

The LORD does not see as mortals see. **1 Samuel 16:7**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. **Psalms 23:5**

Everything that is exposed to the light becomes visible.

Ephesians 5:13

Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

John 9:7b

Pastor

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Video

Bill Howard
Pete Spreen

Assistants

Indie Asam
Emily Gross
Brad Toole
Georgiann Toole

Organ

Alan Ogden

First Pew

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Welcome and Parish Life

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*Hymn 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

“Gloria Duet” / François Couperin

Lesson

John 9:1-7

Sermon

“Was Blind but Now I See”

*Hymn 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Agape Meal

“Be Thou Praised, Jesus Christ” / Samuel Scheidt

SERVING THE WORLD

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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*Credo

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 Song

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God’s own jubilee!
Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” / Traditional Spiritual

I’m just going to say it: I’m pro-guilt. Guilt is good. Guilt helps us stay on track because it’s about our behavior. It occurs when we compare something we’ve done - or failed to do - with our personal values.

Brené Brown

We are sinful not only because we have eaten of the Tree of Knowledge, but also because we have not yet eaten of the Tree of Life. The state in which we are is sinful, irrespective of guilt.

Franz Kafka

I don’t want to forgive myself. That’s why I hate psychoanalysis. I think if you’re guilty of something you should live with it. Get rid of it - how can you get rid of a real guilt? I think people should live with it, face up to it.

Orson Welles

I don’t believe in collective guilt, but I do believe in collective responsibility. **Audrey Hepburn**

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the Price family fund

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Sunday flowers
sign up in office

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Sun 22 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Virtual Service of Worship
12:15 p.m. Zoom Pridefest planning

Thu 26

3:00 p.m. Zoom GA planning

Sat 28

10:00 a.m. Zoom Deacons meeting

LITURGICAL ART IN LENT invites us to pray with “The God Who Suffers.” Use this Season through April 10 as an opportunity to offer our own suffering to the God who wishes to heal us; or to contemplate the suffering of others and discern God’s call for us to respond; or to consider the suffering of the climate and commit to transforming our way of life together.

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING have been suspended through March 31, due to the Coronavirus.

ANYONE WHO NEEDS TECHNICAL HELP accessing facebook (or using Zoom, when we get there) please contact the office at office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org and we will pair you with someone who can help.

ANYONE WITH TECH SKILLS willing to serve as a Tech Companion in coming weeks, please email the office as soon as possible. Please include a cell phone/text contact #, and areas of expertise—Facebook, Zoom, Hardware troubleshooting, type of device (Mac, PC, Apple, Android etc)

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION/COMPANIONSHIP. Pastor Gusti and Ethel Hornbeck are both available for in-person and/or online “Spiritual Direction/Companionship.” “Spiritual direction - also called spiritual companionship - explores a deeper relationship with the spiritual aspect of being human. Spiritual direction

Sun 29 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

11:00 a.m. Virtual Service of Worship

12:25 p.m. Zoom Budget and Finance meeting

helps us learn how to live in peace, with compassion, promoting justice, as humble servants of that which lies beyond all names.” Sessions usually last an hour. smart phone, tablet) with internet access and audio. This will be our source of Sunday worship as well helpful information during the week.

ANYONE IN NEED OF PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE (groceries, rides to medical appointments, medication deliveries, etc.) please contact the church office, 304/876-6466 or office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

EASTER OFFERING Contact the church office to have a fish boxed mailed to your home. They will be collected (one way or another) on **Palm Sunday, April 5.** The 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. Make checks to SPC; memo: OGHs.

EASTER FLOWERS, If you would like to donate flowers for use in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday (April 12), please contact the office at office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES TBA

Season of Lent

Fourth Sunday

March 22, 2020

11:00 a.m.

PANDEMIC

What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath—the most sacred of times?

Cease from travel.

Cease from buying and selling.

Give up, just for now,

on trying to make the world different than it is.

Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.

Center down.

And when your body has become still, reach out with your heart.

Know that we are connected

in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.

(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives

are in one another’s hands.

(Surely, that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.

Reach out your heart.

Reach out your words.

Reach out all the tendrils

of compassion that move, invisibly,

where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love--

for better or for worse,

in sickness and in health,

so long as we all shall live.

Rev. Lynn Ungar

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