

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS

**+Introit** (Hymn 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 177** (v. 1-2)  
“I Will Come to You”

## 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** (Hymn 379)  
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

Eritrea and Ethiopia

**+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.

I will put my spirit within  
you, and you shall live, and  
I will place you on your own  
soil. **Ezekiel 37:14**

My soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch  
for the morning.

**Psalm 130:6**

You are in the Spirit, since  
the Spirit of God dwells in  
you. **Romans 8:9b**

Unbind him, and let him go.  
**John 11:44b**

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## First Pew

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## Welcome and Parish Life

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**+Hymn 157** (v. 1-3)  
“I Danced in the Morning”

## HEARING THE WORD

### Reading

### Interlude

### Lesson

Psalm 130, Newquist Interpretive Version

### Sermon

“Watching and Waiting”

**+Hymn 157** (v. 4-5)  
“I Danced in the Morning”

## SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

### Agape Meal

### Interlude

## 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** (Hymn 772 v. 1 & 4)

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 will not say: do not weep; for  
not all tears are an evil.”

**J.R.R. Tolkien**

Tears shed for another person  
are not a sign of weakness. They  
are a sign of a pure heart.”

**José N. Harris**

They say time heals all wounds,  
but that presumes the source of  
the grief is finite”

**Cassandra Clare**

No one ever told me that grief  
felt so like fear. **C.S. Lewis**

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**Sun 29 • Fifth Sunday in Lent**

11:00 a.m. Virtual Service of Worship  
12:25 p.m. Budget and Finance meeting - via Zoom

**Wed 1**

7:00 p.m. Virtual Taizé service - via Zoom

**Sun 5 • Palm Sunday**

*Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 27:11–54*

11:00 a.m. Virtual Service of Worship  
5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

**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.

**COMMUNITY MEAL on April 5th** will consist of “to-go” boxes of sandwiches, fruit, snacks and drinks. Please refer to the PerfectPotluck.com sign-up with notes of the food donation changes and categories. Bert Wright and Adam Ware will be assembling the meals at SPC at 3:30 that Sunday, so PLEASE deliver all food donations by that time. We will put a cart/box outside the door for your delivery convenience and comfort.

**ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING** have been suspended through April 30, due to the Coronavirus. Please email the church office (office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org) if your Committee or Team is planning to meet electronically.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP IN COMING WEEKS** 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.

**EASTER OFFERING** email the church office (office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org) 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 email the office at office@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org.

**HOLY WEEK**

**Maundy Thursday service**

April 9 • 7:00 p.m.  
(service tech platform TBA)

**Prayer Vigil** to follow

8:00 p.m. until noon Good Friday (via Zoom)

**Easter Sunrise Service**

April 12 • 6:30 a.m. (via Zoom)

**Easter Worship**

April 12 • 11:00 a.m. (via Facebook Live)

**Season of Lent**

Fifth Sunday

**March 29, 2020**

11:00 a.m.

**Jesus goes to Lazarus’ tomb**

In once full arms  
I hold a wreck of sorrow.  
I am ruined.  
And you, Beloved,  
you who see  
to the bones  
of my heart,  
you who stride waves,  
who order winds  
and shame demons,  
you to whose authority  
the universe bows,  
you stand  
not apart  
from this grave darkness  
but here  
in the pit of me,  
and wield your greatest power,  
calling forth,  
bringing light  
up out of the terrible depths,  
commanding life itself  
with the one force  
to revive me,  
the heart of God outpoured:  
with me, in me  
you weep.  
I am unbound.

**Steve Garnaas-Holmes**

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