

She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. **Acts 9:36b**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Psalms 23:5a

“They will hunger no more, and thirst no more.”

Revelation 7:16b

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:27

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.*

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.

Invitation to Alleluia

Jesus says:
My sheep respond to my voice.
I am bound to them; they trust me.
*I offer them Life Abundant;
they can never be defeated.*

***Hymn 802 v. 1-3**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Prayer for Wholeness

(see insert)

+Response

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response (2x)**

The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I shall want.

Blessing the World

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

First Pew

+Response 486

*Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

† † †

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Acts 9:36-41

Sermon

“The Shepherdess”

***+Response 802, v. 4-6**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

† † †

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**

*May the blessing of God go before you.
May Her grace and peace abound.
May Her Spirit live within you.
May Her love wrap you 'round.
May Her blessing remain with you always.
May you walk on holy ground.*

***Benediction**

Our Savior is our true Mother in whom we are endlessly born and out of whom we shall never come.

Julian of Norwich

A world that does not nurture its weakest, does not know God the birthing mother.

Joan D. Chittister

The human being is not the lord of beings, but the shepherd of Being.

Martin Heidegger

Compassion is a shepherd always tending his herd.

Geshe

Kelsang Gyatso

**Please rise in
body and spirit.*

Declaration Response

Bro. Stefan Waligur

Lesson Translation

Gusti Linnea Newquist

Sending

Miriam Therese Winter

White Rose

Memory of
Rev. Jim MacDonell

Flowers

In Honor of all Mothers

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Sunday, May 8 • Fourth Sunday of Easter - Happy Mother's Day!

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

Tuesday, May 10

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Wednesday, May 11

10:30 a.m. ESP - Exploring Spiritual Practices

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 12

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday, May 13

9:00 a.m. Friday Painters Group - Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer via Zoom

Sunday, May 15 • Fifth Sunday of Easter - Confirmation Sunday

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

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SAVE THE DATE. SPC AT MARTINSBURG PRIDE, JUNE 4TH, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Finally, Pride is back again after 2 long years! Pride will be in downtown Martinsburg for 2022 and SPC/More Light will have a table adjoining EPYA. We'll all be SPC together. We'll have flags, buttons, stickers and other giveaways to show Jefferson and Berkeley Counties that SPC supports our LGBTQIA+ family. Please sign up for a 2 hour slot or more on that day and bring SPC to the Pride celebration again! Watch SPC Facebook, and this week's E-News for sign up sheets, 9am to 5pm.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé community. One of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world, the Opening Hymn and Sermon Hymn was matched with an Irish melody in the 20th century. The Prayer for Wholeness Response is the refrain of a Psalter version of Psalm 23 developed by the National Council of Churches. The Response to the First Pew is often sung at an infant Baptism.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

11:00 a.m.

The Shepherdess

The staves steady under foot; she knows which to avoid. A creature of habit, the kettle warms. Steam rises, curls the end wisps about her face. The old night dress illuminates her nakedness, skin smells of ewe's milk. It's late; and the children are sleeping. Breath carried away in tufts. Everything is done in earnest purpose, learned through divination, through feeling around the dark. A corner is settled on, the fire stoked. Bedding laid down, and a pair of shears at arm's length. In this most tender of mercies, we seek out aloneness, like the sheep. To bear the world, we are borne away.

Molly Vogel

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