

“Who was I that I could hinder God?”

**Acts 11:17b**

Praise the LORD from the earth.

**Psalms 148:7a**

“To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

**Revelation 21:6b**

“By this everyone will now that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**John 13:35**

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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 (3x)**

*We have come too far we can’t turn ‘round.  
We’ll flood the streets with justice we are freedom bound.*

**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**

**\*+Hymn 721**

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

**Prayer for Wholeness**

God, you call us to build relationships  
and cross boundaries that divide us, but we fall short.  
Fear and apathy, busyness and anxiety  
that we will fail - all keep us from following your call.  
Give us courage to search for you as you work for justice.  
Set us free so we might join your work in our neighborhoods.  
In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Kyrie**

*Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison ...  
Kyrie eleison ...*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*+Alleluia (2x)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Blessing the World**

Angola, Mozambique

**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**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Exodus 1:22-2:10

**Reflections**

Youth Mission Trip

**\*+Response**

(see insert)

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Communion**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**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

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**\*Sending**

*We have come too far we can’t turn ‘round.  
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**\*Benediction**

“I’ve come to see the sharing of stories as a powerful form of Gandhi’s nonviolent action *satyagraha*, the ‘truth force.’

**Bishop Michael Curry**

“Our backs tell stories no books have the spine to carry.”

**Rupi Kaur**

“It’s not so much us seeking God, tracking Her down with a butterfly net; it’s agreeing to be found.”

**Anne Lamott**

“It is a marvelous thing just to be alive on this fresh morning in this broken world.”

**Mary Oliver**

*\*Please rise in  
body and spirit.*

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**Flowers**

In Honor of  
Helen Burns’  
93rd Birthday

**Sermons & Information**

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*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.



**Sunday, May 15 • Fifth Sunday of Easter - Youth Reflections Sunday**

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

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Fellowship Hall

**Monday, May 16**

6:30 p.m. EPYA - Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 17**

4:00 p.m. Summer One Worship Planning Team - via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (note change of date, this week only)

**Wednesday, May 18**

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

**Friday, May 20**

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

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

**Saturday, May 21**

8:30 a.m. Mens Breakfast - via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Friends of Music & Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra Performance

**Sunday, May 22 • Sixth 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!  
Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)

3:00 p.m. Friends of Music & Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra Performance

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit and Sending are a protest song by June Jordan. The Opening Hymn emerged from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. The Kyrie is a Russian Orthodox chant. The Alleluia comes from the Celtic tradition. The Response to the First Pew is often sung during an infant Baptism. The Sermon Hymn is from the English anarchist pop band Chumbawamba.

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**Eastertide**

Fifth Sunday

**May 15, 2022**

11:00 a.m.

*from "To the Fig Tree on 9th and Christian"*

*c'mere baby,  
he says and blows a kiss  
to the tree which everyone knows  
cannot grow this far north  
being Mediterranean  
and favoring the rocky, sun-baked soils  
of Jordan and Sicily  
but no one told the fig tree  
or the immigrants ...*

**Ross Gay**

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