

So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. **2 Samuel 5:3**

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

**Psalm 48:9**

... but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

**2 Corinthians 12:9a**

Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house." **Mark 6:4**

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**Worship Leader**

Debbie Romano

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Brad Toole  
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**Reader**

Brad Toole

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Nathan Howard  
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**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 328 (3x)**

Praise God, all you nations.  
People of God, sing praise!  
Praise God, all you nations.  
People of God, sing praise:  
God's love is great  
and endures forever.  
Praise God, all you nations.  
People of God, sing praise!

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Teach us, O God,  
not to torture ourselves,  
not to make martyrs out of ourselves  
through stifling reflection,  
but rather teach us to breathe deeply  
in faith.

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**Passing the Peace**

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

**Reading**

"I Worried"  
by Mary Oliver

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

**Sermon**

"Strength in Weakness"

**+Hymn 635 (3x)**

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.  
Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.  
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!  
Sing praise, and bless the Lord.  
Sing, praise, and bless the Lord.  
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

**Memorial Moment**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**The Communion of the People**

**Sung Response (3x)**

Let us be bread blessed by the Lord,  
broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured,  
let us be one in the Lord.

**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 338**

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

The logic behind patriotism is a mystery. At least a man who believes that his own family or clan is superior to all others is familiar with more than 0.000003% of the people involved. **Criss Jami**

Someday, I hope that we will all be patriots of our planet and not just of our respective nations.

**Zoe Weil**

Today, more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of Universal responsibility, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life.

**Dalai Lama**

Ultimately, a great nation is a compassionate nation.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Opening Hymn**

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**Prayer for Wholeness**

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**Sunday, July 4**

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion via Facebook Live!  
5:00 p.m. Community Dinner at Zion Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall

**Monday, July 5**

Church Office Closed

**Friday, July 9**

12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer on SPC Balcony and via Zoom

**Sunday, July 11**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1-3-14; Mark 6:14-29

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live  
4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Rumsey Monument Park

**PASTOR GUSTI IS TAKING VACATION** from Monday, June 28 - Sunday, July 25. Deacon Co-Moderator, Debbie Romano (romano.debbie@gmail.com) is available for Pastoral Care. Lynn Dampman will be monitoring Pastor Gusti's email in her absence.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Mary Jane Hitt is a retired Teaching Elder who lives just outside Columbus, Ohio. For a decade she pastored a PCUSA congregation in Scranton, PA, after having worked for nearly twenty years at WVU where she served as Special Assistant to the President and then as Executive Officer for Social Justice. Born and raised in Morgantown, she and her husband, Bill (who grew up in Bluefield), have two grown children – Than and Amanda.

**PHASED RE-OPENING.** The Session has extended our welcome of small groups to include external groups. In addition, the Session has set a target date for September 12, the Sunday after Labor Day, as our soft opening for what we are calling

“hybrid” worship. For more details, please see the article in the “News” section of our website.

**COMMUNITY DINNER.** We are celebrating the 4th of July with our first HOT meal INSIDE in 15 months! Please drop off hot food at SPC (back parking lot kitchen door) between 3:45-4:15 p.m. today. Leave perishable items in the refrigerator anytime, marked “Community Dinner.” There are labels for this purpose on the refrigerator door. Our friends in need are so grateful for you!

**“IMMIGRATION DEMYSTIFIED.** An Evening with an Expert” Sponsored by SPC'S Immigrant and Refugee Support Committee SUNDAY, JULY 11th, 7pm – 8pm. Email socialjusticespc@gmail.com to receive a link to zoom (Please include your name in the email) Learn about the basics of legal immigration to the U.S. and bust some common myths about immigrants and immigration.

**JULY HYMN SING** Moved to Sunday, July 11, 4:00-5:00 PM at Rumsey Monument Park.

Ordinary Time  
Thirteenth Sunday

July 4, 2021  
11:00 a.m.

**I Worried**

I worried a lot. Will the garden grow, will the rivers  
flow in the right direction, will the earth turn  
as it was taught, and if not, how shall  
I correct it?

Was I right, was I wrong, will I be forgiven,  
can I do better?

Will I ever be able to sing, even the sparrows  
can do it and I am, well,  
hopeless.

Is my eyesight fading or am I just imagining it,  
am I going to get rheumatism,  
lockjaw, dementia?

Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing.  
And gave it up. And took my old body  
and went out into the morning,  
and sang.

**Mary Oliver**

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