

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?” **Job 38:4**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
**Psalms 104:1**

Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears.  
**Hebrews 5:7**

“Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant.”  
**Mark 10:43**

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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 (4x)**

*A great longing is upon us  
to live again in a world made of gifts.*

### **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 Love**

**\*Hymn 137** (all stanzas)  
“He Came Down”

**Prayer for Love** (see insert)

**+Kyrie 577 (2x)**

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

## **Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**+\* Alleluia 587 (2x)**

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **Blessing the World**

Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Togo

**Response 36, v. 1**

*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

### **First Pew**

**Response 36, v. 3**

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

## **Welcome and Parish Life**

## **Moment for Stewardship**

## **THE WORD OF HOPE**

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### **Reading**

### **Interlude**

### **Lesson**

Matthew 5:43-44

### **Sermon**

“On The Way of Jesus: Who We Love”

**\*Hymn 693**

“Though I May Speak”

## **THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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### **Prayer for Others**

### **Litany of Creation**

### **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offertory**

“The Water is Wide,” *arr. Rollo Dillworth*

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### **Celebration of 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 (2x)**

*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.  
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too.  
Deep peace, falling over you. God’s peace, growing in you.*

**\*Postlude**

The North American church at present is conspicuous for replacing the Jesus way with the American way.

**Eugene H. Peterson**

Love your enemies, for they determine who you are. **Joseph Campbell**

The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people. **G.K.Chesterton**

And God said, “Love your enemy,” and I obeyed Him and loved myself.” **Khalil Gibran**

### **Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

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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, October 20 • Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c Psalm 91:9–16 Hebrews 5:1–10 Mark 10:35–45*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Lower Level

**Monday, October 21**

- 11:00 a.m. Bell choir rehearsal - Upstairs hallway outside choir room

**Tuesday, October 22**

- 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting – via zoom

**Wednesday, October 23**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

**Thursday, October 24**

- 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting – Fellowship Hall

**Friday, October 25**

- 11:00 a.m. Bell choir rehearsal - Upstairs hallway outside choir room

**Saturday, October 26**

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Gathering – Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Finding Hope Through Nonviolence Event Co-host at SPC

**Sunday, October 27 • Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22) Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23–28 Mark 10:46–52*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:15 p.m. Pastor Gusti's 5th year Anniversary at SPC Celebratory Reception

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is a chant by Laurence Cole, based on the writings of Robin Wall Kimmerer. The Opening Hymn is a call and response from Cameroon. The late 20th Century Kyrie and Alleluia are traditional liturgical texts. The late 20th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Harvest Hymn set to a familiar Welsh tune. The mid 20th Century Sermon Hymn, based on 1 Corinthians 13, is set to an English folk melody. The Litany of Creation Response is the refrain from a late 20th Century hymn for the table. The Sending is a Guatemalan chant.

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**Ordinary Time**  
Twenty-ninth Sunday

**October 20, 2024**

11:00 a.m.

**Waking Up on October 7**

From six hundred miles away,  
the smoke arrives to fill the air here  
and I wake to the scent of burning,  
wake to the haze of what was once  
tree and weed and home and flesh.

I cannot fathom the stories that enter me  
with every breath.

Let the ears do what the nose does—  
be sensitive to stories beyond this room,  
beyond this canyon, this region, this nation.

There are so many ways we burn.

I want to listen beyond words,  
listen the way the heart can  
only when its walls are down.

I want to listen to the world  
the way the nose takes in the news  
of the distant Bighorn Mountains,  
how it wakes me up and scrapes me out,  
lighting a fire in me, wildly aware  
of how vast the world is,  
filled with terror and courage.

I can make the world so small sometimes,  
hearing only the story of me.

But today on the wind,  
I can't not know how connected we are.  
Though it isn't easy, though it frightens me,  
this is how I want to listen.

**Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer**

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