

Naomi ... said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you." **Ruth 3:1**

The LORD ... gives sleep to the beloved.

Psalms 127:2

For Christ ... entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24

"She out of her poverty has put in everything she had." **Mark 12:44**

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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 for Compassion

***Hymn 692**

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Prayer of Compassion (see insert)

+Kyrie 577 (2x)

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

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

+*Alleluia 642, refrain (2x)

*Heleluyan, we are singing, Hele, heleluyan.
Heleluyan, now and always, Hele, heleluyan.*

Blessing the World

Australia, Antarctica

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 14:13-20

Sermon

"On Radical Compassion"

***Hymn 727**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Lord's Prayer," arr. Georgiann Toole

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Celebration of Ministry

***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**

We can't heal the world today but we can begin with a voice of compassion, a heart of love, an act of kindness.

Mary Davis

Empathy is a connection; it's a ladder out of the shame hole.

Brené Brown

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

Dalai Lama

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle.

Plato

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Call to Compassion

Edward Albert

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Prayer for Others

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Sunday, November 10 • Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalms 127 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24–28 Mark 12:38–44

- 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. Youth Group – Lower Level
- 3:30 p.m. Men’s Quartet Performance – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Monthly Hymn Sing – Sanctuary

Monday, November 11 • Veterans’ Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, November 12

- 7:00 p.m. Affirmation of Community – Shepherdstown Community Center, 102 E. German Street
- 7:30 p.m. Speak Story Series – Sanctuary and Online

Wednesday, November 13

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

Thursday, November 14

- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Sanctuary /Hybrid

Saturday, November 15

- 10:00 a.m. Deacons’ Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Beyond Food Pantries: Food Insecurity in Our Community Workshop - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 17 • Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Samuel 2:1–10 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25 Mark 13:1–8

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is a chant by Laurence Cole, based on the writings of Robin Wall Kimmerer. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn is set to an Irish melody. The late 20th Century Kyrie is a traditional liturgical text. The Alleluia is the refrain of a Muskogee Trail of Tears song. The late 20th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Harvest Hymn set to a familiar Welsh tune. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn is a folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry. The Sending is a Guatemalan chant.

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Ordinary Time

Thirty-second Sunday

November 10, 2024

11 a.m.

The Clearing

At the center of every fear
is a clearing, and though you must
trudge for miles in the dark woods
to get there, it’s worth the trip:
now you can sit down for a while
among grass and hawkweed, you can
bask in unfiltered light, and see
the heavy clouds shifting overhead.

At the center of every fear,
if felt completely, is an empty
space where the wind tickles
the hairs on your neck, then arcs
an arm around your shoulder,
pulling you closer like a father
at last unafraid to show affection,
here to let you know you’re not alone.

James Crews

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