As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him.

1 Samuel 3:19

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. **Psalm 139:1** 

We have this treasure in clay jars.

2 Corinthians 4:7

His disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

Mark 2:23

# **Preacher**Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

#### **Assistants**

Hazel Hitt Yvonne Fisher

**Offertory** Men's Quartet

Accompanist Sam Jannotta

**Tech Support**Bill Howard

# **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 281 (6x) Holy Spirit, come to us.

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.

## Prayer

\*+Hymn 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**Prayer for Wholeness** 

We cannot love God unless we love each other; and to love each other, we must know each other in the breaking of bread.

And then, we are not alone anymore.

Heaven is a banquet, and life is a banquet, too - even with just a crust - where there is companionship.

Love comes with community.

+Response 288 (2x)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

# **Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

\*+Response 293, v. 1 (2x)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be, you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Blessing the World Bolivia, Chile, Peru

Response 21, v. 1

Many and great, O God, are thy works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed.
Deep seas obey thy voice.

#### **First Pew**

Response 21, v. 2

Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us.
With thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

## Welcome and Parish Life

## THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading Interlude

Lesson Mark 2:23 - 27

**Sermon** "Plucking the Grain"

\*Hymn 537
"When at This Table"

#### THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment Eucharistic Prayer Offering Our Gifts Offertory

"The Family Circle"

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## \*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 539
"We Will Go Out with Joy"

\*Postlude

Let us bless the source of life that brings forth bread from the earth.

Marcia Falk

Let us sit down soon to eat with all those who have not eaten.

Pablo Neruda

Let us feed on love.

Buddha

Some have food, Some have none, God bless the revolution!

Unknown

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**Lesson Translation** 

New Revised Standard Version

**Prayer for Wholeness**Dorothy Day

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## Sunday, June 2 • Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Corinthians 4:5–12 2 Corinthians 4:5–12 Mark 2:23–3:6 Mark 2:23–3:6

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

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 1

5:00 p.m. Community Meal, Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town, WV

## Thursday, June 6

9:00 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal – upstairs area outside choir room

6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Meck, 128 E German St, Shepherdstown

## Sunday, June 9 • Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Corinthians 4:5–12 2 Corinthians 4:5–12 Mark 2:23–3:6 Mark 2:23–3:6

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

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

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 1

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The late 20th Century Opening Hymn was written by a minister in the United Church of Canada. The early 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Receiving was inspired by the prophet Jeremiah. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a folk melody. The mid 19th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew was written in the Dakota language to fit the Dakota tune. The early 21st Century Sermon Hymn reflect a communal awareness of The Table. The Communion Response is an 8th Century Latin text set as a Taizé chant. The early 21st Century Sending Hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter and used at her wedding.

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Ordinary Time	June 2, 2024
Tenth Sunday	11:00 a.m.

## My Father and the Figtree

For other fruits my father was indifferent.

He'd point at the cherry trees and say,

"See those? I wish they were figs."

In the evenings he sat by our beds
weaving folktales like vivid little scarves.

They always involved a figtree.

Even when it didn't fit, he'd stick it in.

Once Joha was walking down the road
and he saw a figtree.

Or, he tied his camel to a figure and went to sleep.

Or, later when they caught and arrested him,
his pockets were full of figs. ...

... The last time he moved, I had a phone call, my father, in Arabic, chanting a song
I'd never heard. "What's that?"
He took me out to the new yard.
There, in the middle of Dallas, Texas, a tree with the largest, fattest, sweetest figs in the world.
"It's a figtree song!" he said, plucking his fruits like ripe tokens, emblems, assurance of a world that was always his own.

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