

“Go, and may the LORD be with you!”

1 Samuel 17:37

The LORD is a stronghold ... in times of trouble. **Psalm 9:9**

Now is the acceptable time! **2 Corinthians 6:2**

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

Mark 4:38

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistants

Debbie Romano

Offertory

Women’s Choir

Accompanist

Sam Jannotta

Tech Support

Mark Nutwell

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 399 (2x)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God’s love is strong and it never ends.*

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 Worship

***+Hymn 175**

“Seek Ye First”

Prayer for Wholeness

There is something in every one of us
that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine
within ourselves.

It is the only true guide we will ever have.

And if we cannot hear it,
we will all of our lives spend our days
on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls.

+Kyrie 579

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

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessing the World

Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Response 486, v. 1

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit’s sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

First Pew

Response 486, v. 4

*Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God’s call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship;
trust and love God more than all.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

2 Corinthians 6:4-10

Sermon

“Enduring Grace”

***Hymn 100**

“My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Blessing of Angels

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Morning Has Broken”

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Litany of Transition

***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 583**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

***Postlude**

Help us breathe in the unknown and breathe out peace with what will come.

Pixie Lighthouse

Fate is not the arrow of our secret ambition, but the turning of a life around an unshakable center, the way the earth turns on its axis in its journey around the sun. **Mark Nepo**

What is holy is not what is tame. What is divine is as wild as desert rain.

Stephen Charleston

Let us say that when this blessing at last came to its end, all it left behind was bread, wine, a fleeting flash of wing. **Jan Richardson**

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Wholeness

Howard Thurman, *adapted*

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

A Blessing of Angels

John O’Donahue

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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, June 23 • Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Corinthians 6:1–13 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 Mark 4:35–41 Mark 4:35–41

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

12:15 p.m. Best Wishes Reception for Debbie Romano

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

Tuesday, June 25

5:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 26

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 27

10:00 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal – upstairs area outside choir room

6:00 p.m. Communications Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Saturday, June 29

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group Gathering – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 30 • Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Corinthians 8:7–15 2 Corinthians 8:7–15 Mark 5:21–43 Mark 5:21–43

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 a “short song” from the Iona Community set to music from South Africa. The mid 20th Century Opening hymn is a meditative singing of scripture. The Kyrie is a traditional liturgical text set to a Russian Orthodox chant. The Alleluia is a traditional liturgical text set to a late 20th Century Celtic tune. The late 20th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a “song of encouragement” for a newly baptized child. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn employs an energetic Irish folk song for its melody. The Sending is a traditional liturgical text set to music by the Taizé Community.

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Ordinary Time
Thirteenth Sunday

June 23, 2024

11:00 a.m.

The Next Life

The endless tomorrow stretches out before you.
It is the most beautiful landscape you have ever seen.
It is the forever promised long ago
In so many faith traditions around the world.

Our ancestors have told us over and over again
That there is an existence beyond the one we inhabit.
A different place, a better place
Where we will find a new way of living waiting for us.

There are many different ways among us
To envision that new way of being alive
But the belief that it is there is common among us all.
And it has been for millennia.

Like a snow-capped mountain in the human journey
There is a landmark of spiritual wisdom:
Awareness is not an accident.
Life is not just a dignified walk to the grave
But a process of transcendence
That makes graves into doorways
Transforms loss into homecoming
And embodies hope into something you can touch
Because yes, just as you imagined,
It is as real as you are.
It is the next life. The eternal life.
The life of the world to come.

Steve Charleston

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