

What are you seeking? I am seeking my brothers.

Genesis 15b-16a

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

Isaiah 55:1

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

Romans 10:15b

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

Matthew 14:25

Guest Reflection

Debbie Romano

Worship Leader

Chris Morehouse

Assistant

Mica Martin

Interlude

Reneé Nutwell, violin

Reu Auld, cello

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 (2x)

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.

Prayer

***+Hymn 744**

"Arise Your Light is Come"

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy Presence,
whose love brings all things into being,

come, and awaken us.

Creator of Gentleness,

who knows our sorrow,

and yet embraces us with joy,

come, and hold us in your grace.

Light of Justice,

whose heart breaks for those who sit in darkness,
come, and show us the way of courage and compassion.

Constant Companion,

who makes us all one in your love,

come, and kindle in our hearts

the spirit of the Beloved.

Come, Holy Spirit.

+Kyrie 575 (2x)

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Alleluia 586 (2x)**

Alleluia alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessing the World

Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia,
Slovenia, Yugoslavia

+Response 582, v1

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

First Pew

+Response 582, v2

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

"Austrian Hymn"

Lesson

Psalm 82:1-5

Reflection

Forward Together

***+Hymn 727**

"Will You Let Me be Your Servant"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Marching Forward Together"

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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 748 (2x)**

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*

***Postlude**

There comes a time when silence is betrayal.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Christ was a revolutionary person, out there where it was happening.

Fannie Lou Hamer

We may not have chosen the time, but the time has chosen us.

John Lewis

I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept.

Angela Davis

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Opening Prayer

Psalm 82 selected verses,
Nan Merrill translation

Prayer for Wholeness

Debbie Romano

Prayer for Others

revised prayer from
Presbyterian and Peace
Fellowship

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

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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.



Ordinary Time
Nineteenth Sunday

August 13, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 13 • Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom

Tuesday, August 15

11:00 a.m. Directory Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 16

4:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 18 • Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 19

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 20 • Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom

12:30 p.m. Sunday Studio Orientation for Parents & Volunteers - Fellowship Hall

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé community. The opening hymn was created adding inclusive language to a 19th century tune. A song of encouragement directed toward people. The Kyrie, Alleluia, and Responses to the Declaration and First Pew are traditional liturgical texts. The sermon hymn is an expression of servant ministry: those who serve must be willing to be served. Jesus' intention in commanding the disciples to "wash one another's feet" in John 13:14. The Sending Hymn was created for a children's choir at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

PASTOR GUSTI WILL BE TAKING STUDY LEAVE, Saturday, August 12 – Friday, August 25. Jeananne Stine will be available for pastoral emergencies: 410-746-8605 or jeanne27@gmail.com. Debbie Romano and Chris Morehouse will offer guest reflections on August 13 and 20.

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Mornings of Joy

I'm becoming a gourmet
and connoisseur of life
I want all, in the days left,
that can come from life's highs.
And to experience presence, witness,
love and justice
for those known as "Others".
How else to be a sister or a brother?

Stewart Acuff

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