

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." **Genesis 45:4**

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; **Isaiah 51:6**

for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Romans 11:29

And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.

Matthew 14:14a

Guest Reflection

Chris Morehouse

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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 408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Prayer for Wisdom

Holy One, we are listening.
Open us even more.
Grow us, evolve us,
and receive our intentions,
as expressions of love for you
and for one another.
Quiet our resistance,
lead us in our hesitations,
so we may become as you
have created us to be,
who we have always been.

+Kyrie 575 (2x)

*Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Halle, Halle, Hallelujia #591, refrain (2x)

*Halle, halle, hallelujia! Halle, halle, hallelujia!
Halle, halle, hallelujia! Halle, halle, hallelujia!*

Blessing the World

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

+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

Lesson

Proverbs 8, *selected verses*

Reflection

"Lady Wisdom"

*+Hymn 853

We are Marching in the Light of God

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayers of the People

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Gospel Medley"

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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

"If you know what hurts yourself, you know what hurts others." **Malagasy proverb**

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Luke 6:31

"Eyes, see me, too."

Ovambo proverb

First remove the beam out of your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:5

"If there is cause to hate someone, the cause to love has just begun." **Wolof proverb**

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. **Matthew 5:44**

"If you laugh at the bowl, you laugh at the potter."

Ugandan proverb

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.

1 John 4:20

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Wisdom Prayer

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Prayer for Wisdom

Cherie Dawn Carr, *adapted*.

Flowers

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Ordinary Time
Twentieth Sunday

August 20, 2023
11:00 a.m.

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

Monday, August 21

6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA) - Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 25 • Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 27 • Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé community. The opening hymn was inspired by the composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir. The Kyrie, and Responses to the Declaration and First Pew are traditional liturgical texts. The Alleluia is a Caribbean melody of a traditional liturgical text. The sermon hymn is a Zulu/Xhosa freedom song. The Sending Hymn was created for a children's choir at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

PASTOR GUSTI WILL BE ON STUDY LEAVE THROUGH Friday, August 25.

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Proverbs 8
NIV Translation

Does not wisdom call out?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
At the highest point along the way,
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
beside the gate leading into the city,
at the entrance, she cries aloud:
"To you, O people, I call out;
I raise my voice to all mankind.
You who are simple, gain prudence;
you who are foolish, set your hearts on it.
Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say;
I open my lips to speak what is right.
For those who find me find life
and receive favor from the Lord.
But those who fail to find me harm themselves;
all who hate me love death.