

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built!” **1 Kings 8:27**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! **Psalm 84:1**

Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. **Ephesians 6:14**

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.” **John 6:68**

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit 392

Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.

Savior ...

Teacher ...

Spirit ...

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 Prayer

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Prayer

Hymn 306, v. 1-3

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows a sympathizing tear.

Prayer for Wholeness

The heavens declare Your glory,
The arch of the sky displays Your handiwork.
In Your love You have given us the power
To behold the beauty of Your world
Robed in all its splendour.
The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills,
The rivers and the lakes all disclose Your presence.
The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might,
The beast of the field and the birds of the air
Bespeak Your wondrous will.
In Your goodness You have made us able to hear
The music of the world.
The voices of the loved ones
Reveal to us that You are in our midst,
A divine voice sings through all creation.

Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Alleluia

Blessing the World

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Psalm 84

Sermon

“Longing for “the” Sanctuary”

Hymn 306, v.1, 4-5

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The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Psalm for the Homeless

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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 (3x)

Walk with me and I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through

Offering sanctuary is a revolutionary act.

Diane Kalen-Sukra

Sanctuary is a person, not a place.

Mia Garcia

There are many ways to hold sanctuary. May I be one of them.

Sheniz Janmohamed

I'm God's home.

Henri Nouwen

Breath Prayer

I can search
for my belonging.
*God, keep me near
as I wander.*

Opening Prayer

Navajo Prayer

Prayer for Wholeness

Traditional Jewish Prayer

Scripture Translation

Nan Merrill,
Psalms for Praying

Psalm of the Homeless

Edward Hays

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Sunday, August 22 • 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Early Service at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

Monday, August 23

7:00 p.m. Silas House Reading, Scarborough Library Reading Room

Tuesday, August 24

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting on The Portico

Sunday, August 29 • 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Song of Solomon 2:8–13; Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9; James 1:17–27; Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

8:30 a.m. Early Service at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live

MASKING NOW REQUIRED in the building, per CDC guidelines. With regret, the SPC Session now requires masking for ALL individuals and groups entering the building. We will continue to monitor CDC guidance as it applies to Jefferson County and communicate accordingly.

IN-PERSON SANCTUARY WORSHIP RETURNS SEPT 12TH. The Session continues our phased re-opening, even as the Delta variant brings cause for concern. September 12 is our soft opening for what we are calling "hybrid" worship. For more details, please see the article in the "News" section of our website.

LESSONS LEARNED from LOCKDOWN: August Worship at SPC. What lessons do we carry forward from these eighteen months online? Aug 22: Space Matters; Aug 29: Love Matters.

TO LINK TO THE SPC VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE and other live events go to our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spc-works> and wait for the "live stream" box to appear

each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. For more information and worship materials, see Meeting House Live! on our website. All are welcome to attend. A Facebook account is not required to access this.

READING BY APPALACHIAN AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST SILAS HOUSE. Mark your calendars for August 23rd, 6:30pm for a special event in the Scarborough Library Reading Room. Silas House will read from his collections to help celebrate the new home of the Center for Appalachian Studies at Shepherd University. SPC Social Justice Committee is the honored community partner for this celebration of diversity and social justice in our region. For more information, go to: <https://www.shepherd.edu/news/center-for-appalachian-studies-host-august-23-reading-by-silas-house/>

Ordinary Time
Twenty-First Sunday

August 22, 2021
11:00 a.m.

There Is No Place Else to Go but Here, excerpt

There is no place else to go but here –
sometimes with strangers clad in masks,
sometimes with friends clad in comfort,
sometimes with myself, grieving, rejoicing,
ho-humming with spider solitaire
and pretending I am in the Queen's Gambit –
(It's all in your imagination, after all),
and just being alive amidst all of this.

Taking it in, reflecting and not being in too big a hurry to "get it."

I have to admit that I don't "get it" most of the time,
and therefore feel like the outlier.

But here I am in that place too
– the place of the outlier –

discovering outlying and sometimes rejoicing in it.

Yes, this is my lesson from Covid

– I just am here where I am –
no place else to go.

Sink right in and make myself comfortable.

Breathe.

There really is no place else to go.

Chris Madeo

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