My beloved speaks and says to me, "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Song of Solomon 2:10

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity.

Psalm 45:6

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 (2x)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

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 137

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

> that we may have light ... that we have have peace ... that we may have joy ...

Prayer for Wholeness

I shall behold Thy beauty every day.

It is my desire that I may hear

Thy sweet voice,

Like the North Wind,

That my limbs may be quickened with life

Through love of Thee.

Give me Thy hands,

Holding Thy spirit,

That I may receive it,

And may live by it.

Call Thou upon my name throughout eternity,

And it shall never fail.

Kyrie (2x)

Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Special Music

Men's Quartet

Blessing the World

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Sermon

"Love Matters"

+Hymn 300, v.1-3 "We Are One in the Spirit"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

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

Men's Quartet

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.

Jimi Hendrix

Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Love cures people.

Karl Menninger

All you need is love.

The Beatles

Breath Prayer

I was meant for love. God help me to receive it. (Cole Arthur Riley)

Opening Prayer Jelaluddin Rumi

Prayer for Wholeness

Prayer for Aten, Ancient Egypt

Scripture Translation

New Revised Standard Version

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+Hvmns

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Saturday, August 28

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (rescheduled from last week) SPC Portico

Sunday, August 29 • 22nd 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!

Thursday, September 2

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Meeting - SPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 5 • 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 2-23; Psalm 125; 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

4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Rumsey Monument

5:00 p.m. Community Dinner Community Dinner at Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

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.

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.

TO LINK TO THE SPC VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE and other live events go to our Facebook site at https://www.facebook.com/groups/spcworks 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF SHEPHERD-STOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (SPC) WILL BE STUDYING THE BOOK, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. You are encouraged to read pages 1-31 in preparation of our first meeting on September 2 from 10 - 12 at SPC. Follow-up meetings and book discussions will be on the first Thursday of each month through May, 2022.

COMMUNITY MEAL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER

5TH We are once again back to serving "to-go" Community Meal in an effort to keep everyone safe. Please drop off donations at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church (back parking lot kitchen door) by 3:15 PM THAT Sunday. Leave perishable items in SPC refrigerator anytime, marked, "Community Dinner." There are labels for this purpose on the refrigerator door. Thank you in advance for supporting this very important mission!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH HYMN SING from 4:00-5:00 PM at Rumsey Monument Park. Please bring your hymnals if you have them; if not, Terry has extras. Bring something to sit on, water to drink and your friends and family - this hymn sing is open to the community. We gather under a tree, so don't worry about being baked in the sun. We sing non-stop for one hour; be prepared for a jolly good time!

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Ordinary Time August 29, 2021
Twenty-Second Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Doesn't Every Poet Write a Poem about Unrequited Love? (excerpt)

In matters of love of this kind there are things we long to do but must not do.

I would not want to see your smile diminished. And the flowers, anyway, are happy just where they are,

on the pale dunes, above the cricket's humble nest, under the blue sky that loves us all.

Mary Oliver

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