

I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your
midst. **Hosea 11:9**

Then they cried to the
LORD in their trouble.
 Psalm 107:6

Set your minds on things
that are above, not on
things that are on earth.
 Colossians 3:2

But God said to him, ‘You
fool! This very night your
life is being demanded of
you.” **Luke 12:20**

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Sam Jannotta

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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 281 (6x)
Holy Spirit, come to us.

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 Grace
***+Hymn 822**
“When We Are Living”

Prayer for Grace (see insert)

Response 288 (2x)
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude
***+Response 293, v. 1** (2x)
Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Blessing the World
Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

Response 21, v. 1
Many and great, O God, are thy works, Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed. Deep seas obey thy voice.

First Pew
Response 21, v. 2
Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us.
With thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.

Welcome and Parish Life
THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading
Interlude
Lesson
Luke 12:13-31

Sermon
“Do Not Worry”
***Hymn** (see insert)
“For Everyone Born a Place at the Table”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment
Eucharistic Prayer (see insert)

Offering Our Gifts
Offertory

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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.

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***Sending 291, refrain** (2x)
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

***Postlude**

The power of the future lies
not in the hands of those
who believe in scarcity but
of those who trust God’s
abundance.

Walter Brueggemann

Giving thanks for abun-
dance is sweeter than the
abundance itself. **Rumi**

I want to be improbable
and beautiful and afraid
of nothing as though I had
wings. **Mary Oliver**

The more stuff you love the
happier you will be.
 Ross Gay

*Please rise in body and spirit.


Call to Grace
Prayer for Grace
Nan Merrill

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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PASTOR GUSTI IS ON VACATION AND STUDY LEAVE THROUGH AUGUST 7.
Rev. Nancy Meehan-Yao will serve as Guest Preacher and Communion Celebrant today. Christa Mastrangelo Joyce will offer a Reflection on August 10. Contact Deacon Moderator Donna Dettling (301-467-0423) or Jen Jones (681-247-0193) or your own Deacon for pastoral emergencies. They will contact a local pastor to support you in Pastor Gusti’s absence, if needed.

Sunday, August 3 • Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan-Yao
Hosea 11:1–11 Psalm 107:1–9, 43 Colossians 3:1–11 Luke 12:13–21
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Summer Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Thursday, August 7
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Community Cup Coffee & More, Martinsburg

Sunday, August 10
Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23 Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 Luke 12:32–40
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Summer Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit is from the Taizé Community. The Opening Hymn began as an early church oral transmission of Scripture and was then expanded into a Spanish language hymn and melody. The early 20th Century Response to the Prayer for Grace was inspired by the prophet Jeremiah. The late 20th Century Response to the Declaration is set to a folk melody. The mid 19th Century Introduction and Response to the First Pew was written in the Dakota language to fit the Dakota tune. The late 20th Century Sermon Hymn is from a noted New Zealand hymn writer. The Sending Refrain describes the breadth of experiencing the Spirit of God.

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Ordinary Time
Eighteenth Sunday

August 3, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Everything is Waiting For You, *excerpt*

Your great mistake is to act the drama
as if you were alone. As if life
were a progressive and cunning crime
with no witness to the tiny hidden
transgressions. To feel abandoned is to deny
the intimacy of your surroundings. Surely,
even you, at times, have felt the grand array;
the swelling presence, and the chorus, crowding
out your solo voice. You must note
the way the soap dish enables you,
or the window latch grants you freedom.
Alertness is the hidden discipline of familiarity.
The stairs are your mentor of things
to come, the doors have always been there
to frighten you and invite you,
and the tiny speaker in the phone
is your dream-ladder to divinity.

David Whyte

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