

They should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Esther 9:22b

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

Are any of you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. **James 5:14**

“Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Mark 9:50

Preacher

Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Song Leaders

Tim Artlip
John Landolt
Mark Pullen
Bill Rule

Accompanist

Georgiann Toole

Offertory

Men's Quartet

Assistants

Mileur Bailey
Evelyn Bailey
Catherine Irwin

Tech Crew

Bill Howard
Mark Nutwell
Pete Spreen

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit

Piano intro

v. 1 Songs Leaders Sing

v. 2-3 Song Leaders Sing; Congregation Hums

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, alleluia!

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

+Response

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Prayer for Wholeness

Beloved Lord, Almighty God,
Through the rays of the sun,
Through the waves of the air,
Through the all-pervading life in space;
Purify and revivify us
And we pray, heal our bodies, hearts, and souls.

Amen.

Kyrie

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Alleluia**

Blessing the World

The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives

First Pew From a Distance

+Response

v. 1: Song Leader

v. 4: Spoken (congregation)

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community; empower us to realize God's kin-dom through our children's eyes

v. 5 Song Leader

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11

Sermon

“Work, Worth and Worship in The Divine Realignment”

***+Response**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

Litany of Farewell

***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 Hymn**

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The sabbath is a temple in time. **Susan S. Phillips**

Refraining from work on a regular basis should also teach us not to demand excessive work from others. **Dorothy C. Bass**

Sabbath is a disciplined reminder of how creation is intended.

Walter Brueggeman

Only in stopping, really stopping, do we teach our hearts and souls that we are loved apart from what we do. **Lynne Baab**

Affirmation

Divine energy
flows through me

Opening Prayer

Ian M. Fraser

Prayer for Wholeness

Source Unknown

Scripture Translation

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**Please rise in body and spirit.*

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+Hymns

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-Sixth Sunday

September 26, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 26 • 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22; Psalm 124; James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 1:00 p.m. More Light Group Meeting via Zoom (see below)

Monday, September 27

- 1:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Groundbreaking at Sage Place (see below)

Tuesday, September 28

- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Sunday, October 3 • 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job 1:1; 2:1–10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service with Communion at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children ages 3-5th Grade (Classroom and Recorded)
- 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing - Portico at SPC
- 5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Zion Episcopal Church

THE DIVINE RE-ALIGNMENT: Sabbatical Year Teachings about Work, Wealth and Land. Through Thanksgiving, our worship will explore the teachings of Shmita, also known as the Jewish Sabbatical Year. Jewish tradition began a Sabbatical Year on September 7, 2001. What lessons might Protestant Christians in the United States (especially in the COVID era) take from the shared biblical teachings that undergird this contemporary practice?

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GROUNDBREAKING AT SAGE PLACE, Monday, September 27, 1:30 p.m. Based on biblical economics, Habitat homes are built with donated funds and materials, utilizing volunteer labor with professional oversight and sold interest-free to a partner family. Partner families invest their own "sweat equity" in their homes, gaining self-reliance and skills to

become successful homeowners. This Sabbatical Year opportunity for housing justice is sponsored by the SPC Mission Committee. Join us for the groundbreaking and stay tuned for volunteer opportunities!

APPALACHIAN HERITAGE WRITER IN RESIDENCE EVENTS, September 24 – October 1, Shepherd University. Visit <https://www.shepherd.edu/ahwirweb/manilla/schedule> for more information.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 - SPC'S MORE LIGHT GROUP WILL BE MEETING AT 1:00 VIA ZOOM. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77469858958?pwd=WmxLUjhyNUpxL0hxYVBSSHM4a2c0QT09MeetingID:77469858958>. Passcode: t9SFKs

Sabbath Poem X

Whatever is foreseen in joy
Must be lived out from day to day.
Vision held open in the dark
By our ten thousand days of work.
Harvest will fill the barn; for that
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.
And yet no leaf or grain is filled
By work of ours; the field is tilled
And left to grace. That we may reap,
Great work is done while we're asleep.
When we work well, a Sabbath mood
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

Wendell Berry

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