

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.

Psalms 125:4

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:17

But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Mark 7:28

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+**Introit 751**, refrain (3x)
"From the Nets of Our Labor"

Jesus summons us all.

We will rise up and follow,
Christ before and beside us,
loving pattern to guide us,
as we answer the call.

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 true God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

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

Prayer

+**Hymn 751**
"From the Nets of Our Labor"

Prayer for Wholeness

O, God
You are the Maker of all things visible and invisible,
and before your eyes nothing is hidden:
the "hidden injuries of class,"
the thin paychecks we conceal,
the debt loads that limit our hopes;
Great God, the Earth is your dwelling place,
and we have seen your incarnation in a working man.
Just as Jesus worked in his day to the fullest,
let us work while it is yet day.
And let us be part of your economy of salvation,
where labor is never simply a commodity,
and where no one works for cash alone,
but out of genuine desire to serve.
Amen.

Kyrie (2x)

Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Alleluia (2x)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessing the World

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan,
Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

James 2:1-5, 14-17

Sermon

"Work Matters"

+**Hymn 372**

"O for a World"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Sung Response

Now is God's time for justice to flourish.
Now is God's time for peace to prevail.
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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 Hymn 747**

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.

The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

The division of labor among nations is that some specialize in winning and others in losing.

Eduardo Galeano

Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. ... Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.

Abraham Lincoln

A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs ... offers no acceptable worship to God.

Confession of 1967

Obedience to the law of bread labour will bring about a silent revolution in the structure of society.

Mahatma Gandhi

Breath Prayer

I can find contentment
*Without becoming
complacent.*
(Cole Arthur Riley)

Opening Prayer

Presbyterian Resources for
Worker Justice

Prayer for Wholeness

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+**Hymns**

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Sunday, September 5 • 23rd 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
- 4:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Rumsey Monument
- 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner at Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

Monday, September 6 • Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting on the Portico
- 7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

Thursday, September 9

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting via Zoom

Friday, September 10

- 12:00 p.m. Noon Prayer Gathering, SPC Balcony

Saturday, September 11

- 9:00 a.m. Deacon Shepherds Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. 9/11 Service of Remembrance, Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

Sunday, September 12 • 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP, September 12. We are on track for a "Soft But Still Grand Re-Opening" for in-person Sanctuary worship on September 12. This service, and future in-person services, will also be broadcast live via Facebook (see below for information on accessing the service online). Please be advised we will be offering creative alternatives to congregational singing, since we have been advised by experts that it is not safe to sing indoors, even masked and fully vaccinated.

IN-PERSON CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING RETURNS, Sunday September 12. Parents of Children and Youth: Christa has sent a separate email regarding your interest in having your child/children participate in either Sun-

day Studio (ages five through 5th grade) or Youth Group (grades 6 - 12). Your timely response will help in our planning as we re-open in-person ministry in the church building.

8:30am EARLY SERVICE CONTINUES OUTSIDE through September (at least) at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion. For those wishing to worship in person but still feeling anxious about gathering indoors, this outdoor worship experience offers that option. Please note, we will be continuing congregational singing at this service.

MASKING REQUIRED in the building, per CDC guidelines.

Ordinary Time
Twenty-Third Sunday

September 5, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Coal Deliveryman, excerpt

Like opening a Bible and finding three leaves of laurel.
Like lifting a stone and remembering someone's name.
Like finding the same snail again a hundred miles away.
As impossible as all these, as melancholy and lonely,
would it be to find, fifteen years later, the same coal
deliveryman carrying on his trade, bent from the strain,
determined to show the heavens that a man might
do that job his entire life, that he scraped in the mines,
that he stole thread from his wife to sew his sacking,
that he dreamed of infinite excavations, of tunnels,
and that they might forgive him for
not having done more than that.

Ramón Cote Baraibar

Trans. Craig Arnold

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