

... and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Micah 6:8**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? **Psalm 15:1**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. **I Corinthians 1:27**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **Matthew 5:6**

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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 (2x)

*Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!  
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me,  
in sculpting me.*

### 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.

### Prayer

#### \*Hymn 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

### Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

#### +Kyrie 575 (2x)

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

#### +\*Alleluia 587 (2x)

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### Blessing the Nations

Germany, France

#### Response 486, v. 1

*Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.*

### First Pew

## Response 486, v. 2

*Child of love, our love's expression,  
love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;  
into joy and laughter lead.*

## Welcome and Parish Life

## THE WORD OF HOPE

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### Reading

### Interlude

### Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

### Sermon

"A Manifesto of Holy Resistance"

#### \*Hymn 769

"For Everyone Born"

## \*THE BREAD OF LIFE

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### Memorial Moment

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Offering Our Gifts

### Offertory

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## Commissioning Our Guest Pastor

### \*Credo

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 (2x)

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning.

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

## Lesson Translation

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## Sunday, February 1

*Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary/Zoom  
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2  
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church,  
215 W Washington Street, Charles Town, WV

## Tuesday, February 3

7:00 p.m. Wisdom and Witness from Minneapolis – Sanctuary/Zoom

## Wednesday, February 4

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

## Thursday, February 5

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid  
6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar — The Meck, 128 E German Street, Shepherdstown

## Sunday, February 8

*Isaiah 58:1-9 Psalm 112:1-9 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Adult Education Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom  
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

## Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday

**February 1, 2026**

11:00 a.m.

### **The Hill We Climb, excerpt**

This is the era of just redemption. We feared -- at its deception. We did not feel prepared to be the heirs of such a terrifying hour, but within it we found the power to author a new chapter, to offer hope and laughter to ourselves.

So, while once we asked, "how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?", now we assert, "how could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?" We will not march back to what was, but move to what shall be, a country that is bruised but whole, benevolent but bold, fierce and free. We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation.

Because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation. Our blunders become their burdens. But one thing is certain. If we merge mercy with might and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change, our children's birth right.

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