

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Psalm 31:1

“This is the way; walk in it.”

Isaiah 30:21

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation. **1 Peter 2:2**

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:8**

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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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Easter Proclamation

Christ Is Risen!
Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

Introit (3x)

Christ is risen, alleluia. Love is risen, alleluia.

Proclamation

Please join me in our 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.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 31**

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response (2x)

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 243 (3x)**

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World

Botswana, Zimbabwe

Response 250, v. 1

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!*
*In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

First Pew

Response 250, v.3

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

John 14:1-14

Sermon

“The Way, the Truth, and the Life”

***Hymn 726**

“Will You come and Follow Me”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharist Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“At the Still Point of the Universe,” *Alfred V. Fedak*

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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 246, v. 1, 5

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news
to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.*

Truth is powerful and it prevails. **Sojourner Truth**

To be loved is to be made capable of loving.
George MacDonald

To live is so startling, it leaves little time for anything else.
Emily Dickinson

As you start to walk on the way, the way appears.
Rumi

Lesson Translation

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Sunday, May 3 • Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary / Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary / Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:15 p.m. Youth Group – Fellowship Hall / Downstairs

5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Wednesday, May 6

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

Thursday, May 7

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

6:00 p.m. Bible at the Bar – The Mecklenburg Inn, Shepherdstown

Sunday, May 10 • Sixth Sunday of Eastertide • Graduate Recognition Sunday

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary / Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:15 p.m. Graduate Reception – Fellowship Hall

Eastertide
Fifth Sunday

May 3, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Undressing

Resurrection is not so much a change
as a revealing, an undressing,
the clothes of this world stripped away
from the pure light that was always there,
and is there now, in you, walking around
with the Big Bang hidden inside you.

Trusting now what you'll only see in the end,
you love wildly, forgive boldly,
stand courageously with the endangered,
and risk all for the sake of healing,
knowing even great suffering
is only a passing fashion.
Beneath, you are pure glory.

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