

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Thirteenth Sunday
Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 28

Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom

Sunday Studio Summer Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:00 p.m. Farewell Reception Honoring Pastor Mary Jane Hitt – Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 3 • Independence Day Holiday Observed

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 5

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14

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

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5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,

215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Psalm 89:1-5

I will sing of your steadfast Love
forever, my Beloved;
with forthright voice I will proclaim
your goodness to all generations.
For your abiding Love rules the universe,
your faithfulness extends throughout
the firmament.
Your Covenant from the beginning of time
encompasses all who choose to walk
the path of Love;
And to all generations that honour
your Way and your Truth,
will Love make itself known.

Let the heavens praise your wonders,
O Loving Creator,
your faithfulness in the congregation
of the holy ones!

Nan Merrill

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SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1743

*Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion
We Choose Welcome*

Abraham called that place
"The LORD will provide."
Genesis 22:14

I will sing of your steadfast
love. **Psalm 89:1**

You are not under law but
under grace. **Romans 6:14**

"None of these will lose
their reward."
Matthew 10:42

Officiant
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant
Carol Wood

Reflections
Donna Dettling
Jen Jones
Keri Mahoney

Special Music
Than & Mary Anne Hitt

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

Tech Support
Mark Nutwell

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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Introduction

Introit 399 (3x)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

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 401

"Gather Us In"

Prayer for Wholeness

O God,
light of the minds that know you,
life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
Help us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
so to love you
that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom.

Response 551 (2x)

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

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*Response 609

*Praise God, from who all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Passing of the Peace

Blessing the World

Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

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

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Lesson

Philippians 1:3-5

Reflections

"A Song of Love"

*Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"One Love," by Bob Marley

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Litany of Transition

*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 306, v. 1, 5

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

*Postlude

Love is the bond that
connects the finite to the
infinite. **Baghavat Gita**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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Litany of Transition

Today we honor the ministry of Mary Jane Hitt as she concludes her term of service as Guest Pastor. We thank you, Mary Jane, for your faithful service to this congregation, for your endurance in times of transition and trial, for your caring and love of the community, and for your commitment to The Way of Jesus.

Let us pray for the saving presence of our God:

Be present, God.

In this congregation,

Be present, God.

In this community,

Be present, God.

In the homes and hearts of all your people,

Be present, God.

Let us pray for the mercy of our God:

Lord, have mercy.

For work begun that still needs to be completed,

Lord, have mercy.

For expectations not met,

Lord, have mercy.

For wounds that need to be healed,

Lord, have mercy.

For gifts that need to be shared,

Lord, have mercy.

For promises that need to be kept,

Lord, have mercy.

Let us give thanks for the journey,

Thanks be to God!

For friendships made, joys celebrated,

for nurture and growth,

Thanks be to God!

For wounds healed, expectations exceeded,

gifts given, promises kept.

Thanks be to God!

For our communion in Christ,

and for the love of God which has sustained us,

Thanks be to God!

Loving God, Alpha and Omega,
you are both beginning and end.

Our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love.

Help us to live with courage and gladness in the future you present us.

In every time and place, may we offer you our highest and our best,
through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

THE WORD

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

What else does the psalm say?



Use this code to fill in the blanks.

- ♥ = A ⚙ = E ☆ = I ☆ = M 📌 = Q ▲ = U ○ = Y
- ✚ = B □ = F ✈ = J ✂ = N I = R ✱ = V ✱ = Z
- ⇨ = C ✂ = G ✓ = K ✚ = O ◆ = S ❖ = W
- ⚙ = D ■ = H X = L 🌑 = P ❁ = T ● = X

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■ ♥ ✱ ⚙ X ⚙ ♥ I ✂ ⚙ ⚙

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This psalm tells us more about David.

Finish the words with fragments in the box below.

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 fou _____ tri _____ vid _____ ser _____
 _____ red _____ anoi _____ ene _____ sus _____
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The Lord said, “I ha _____ nd

Da _____ My _____ vant; with My sac _____ oil

I have _____ nted him. My ha _____ will _____ tain

him; sur _____ My arm will _____ gthen him. No

_____ my will sub _____ him to _____ bute.”

