

You shall be near to me, you
and your children and your
children’s children, as well
as your flocks, your herds,
and all that you have.

Genesis 45:10

How very good and
pleasant it is when kindred
live in unity. **Psalm 133:1**

The gifts and the calling of
God are irrevocable.
Romans 11:29

“Even the dogs eat the
crumbs that fall from their
masters’ table.”
Matthew 15:28

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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 48 (2x)
*Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love, God of life.*

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.

Baptismal Blessing

***Hymn 20**
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

Response 437
*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 175** (2x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Blessing the World
Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia

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
“Be Still My Soul”

Lesson
Job 12:7-10

Sermon
“His Eye Is On the Gila Monster”

***Hymn 22**
“God of the Sparrow”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

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Blessing the Backpacks

***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 547**, v. 1
*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*

***Postlude**

On the Camino, animals
are silent companions of
the journey.

**Posted along
the Camino de Santiago**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Prayer for Wholeness
Based on Matthew 6:25-30

Lesson Translation
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Twentieth Sunday
Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 16

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

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

Tuesday, August 18

5:00 p.m. Immigration & Refugee Support Committee via Zoom

Friday, August 21

6:30 p.m. Annual SPC Community Baseball Outing – Meet in Hagerstown

Sunday, August 23

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

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

SUNDAY STUDIO NEIGHBORS CONTINUE INTO FALL! Mr. Rogers co-created a neighborhood as “a place where friends help each other find within themselves the courage to grow.” Building this neighborhood with our Sunday Studio children, kindergarten-5th grade, has been a blessed time through the summer. Thanks be to God for each of you who’s shared your joy and love with these young SPC members! Let’s continue to live into our church mission of being engaged and compassionate neighbors through the fall. Share your particular love during our Sunday Studio time (upstairs during the 11:00 a.m. service.) Let the Spirit move you: teach the kids about art, animals, nature, food, travel—anything that fills you with joy, delight, or love. Sundays are available through the end of the year. Email or text Christa Mastrangelo Joyce at Christa@shepherdstownpresbyterian.org or 401-440-0279 with your teaching idea and some available dates.

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Song of Myself, excerpt

Section 32

I think I could turn and live with animals,

they are so placid and self-contain’d,

I stand and look at them long and long.

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,

They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,

They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,

Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things,

Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago,

Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.

So they show their relations to me and I accept them.

Walt Whitman

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