

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.



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

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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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**Twentieth Sunday
Ordinary Time**

**August 16, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

Song of Myself, excerpt

Section 32

I think I could turn and live with animals,
they are so placid and self-contained,
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

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1743

Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion

We Choose Welcome

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. **Psaln 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

Preacher
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist

Assistant
Keith Loudernill

Handbell Choir Director
Patti McCarthy

Offertory
Wanda Stewart
Percussion
Terry Tucker

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

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
New Revised
Standard Version,
Updated Edition

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"Sabbatical Stories"

SPC Worship in August - Labor Day Weekend

August 2 (with communion and potluck):

**On Brisket, Breakfast Tacos,
and the Table That Sustains**

Isaiah 25:6-9

August 9: Best Laid Plans

Jeremiah 29:11-14

August 16: His Eye Is on the Gila Monster

Job 12:7-10

August 23: When Church Hurts

Psalms 55, selected verses

August 30: Seventy Time Seven

Matthew 18:21-22

September 6: Our Labor of Rest

Psalms 23

Prayer for Wholeness

Look at the birds of the air:

they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,

and yet you feed them, O God.

Consider the lilies of the field,

how they grow without toiling or spinning.

Yet we worry: What will we eat?

What will we drink? What will we wear?

Our worry adds not a single hour
to our span of life.

Heal us, Holy One.

Set our sights, first and foremost,
on your Realm of Love,

on your Path of Right Relationship,
that all things may be given to us
in keeping with your grace.

Based on Matthew 6:25-30

All Things Bright and Beautiful

God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good, Gen. 1:31

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time, Ecc. 3:11

Refrain—All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea - tures great and small,

All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all. Fine

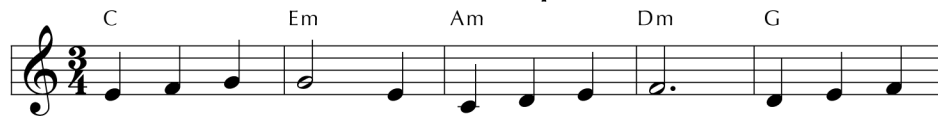
1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, The riv - er run - ning by,
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4. The tall trees in the green - wood, The mead - ows where we play,
 5. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

D.C. Refrain
 He made their glow - ing col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings,
 The sun - set and the morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky,
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den, He made them eve - ry one,
 The rush - es by the wa - ter, To gath - er eye - ry day,
 How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.

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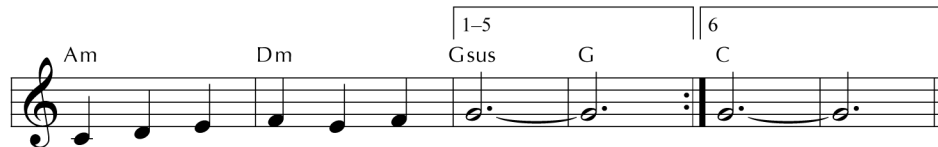
God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



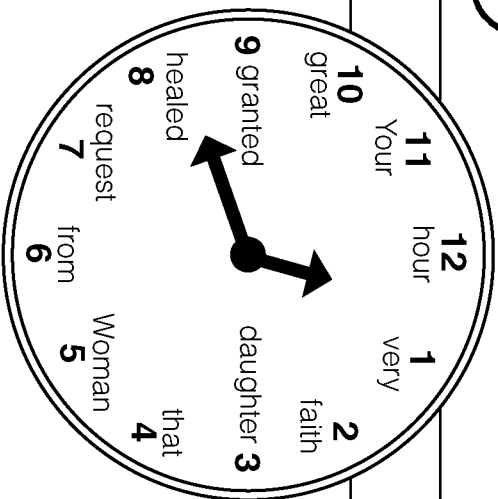
swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.



Jesus said, “ _____, you have _____.”

_____.

is _____." And her _____

was _____



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Jesus Teaches, and a Woman's Faith

The Pharisees complained to Jesus that His disciples did not wash their hands before they ate.

Add and subtract the letters. Then fill in the blanks.


$$-P + \text{Diagram} = \frac{-T}{1}$$

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{T_0} + \frac{1}{T_1}$$

$$- \text{NAIN} + \text{ORSE} = \frac{\text{ORSE} - \text{NAIN}}{2}$$


— ER +  — SH +  — AF = 3


$$\text{SH} + \text{--- AF} = \text{--- 3}$$

$$-AF = \frac{1}{3}$$

Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, “ _____¹
and understand. What goes into your _____²
does not _____³ you, but what comes out of your
_____², that is what _____³s you.”

Write all the 1's on the lines, then the 2's, followed by the 3's.

Leave ¹	a ²	both ³	them ¹	blind ²
will ³	they ¹	man ²	fall ³	are ¹
leads ²	into ³	blind ¹	a ²	a ³
guides ¹	blind ²	pit ³	If ¹	man ²



Jesus said, “ _____ ;

[illegible]

What did she say?

Use the code to fill in the letters.

	= A		= E		= I		= M		= Q		= U		= Y
	= B		= F		= J		= N		= R		= V		= Z
	= C		= G		= K		= O		= S		= W		
	= D		= H		= L		= P		= T		= X		

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