

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? **Psalm 8:3-4**

I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Proverbs 8:30-31

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **John 16:12**

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. **Romans 5:5**

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Organist

Alan Ogden

Offertory

Ryan Walker

Assistants

Evelyn Groff

William Gibbs

Emily Gross

To Our Guests

Glad you're 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.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

Holy Spirit, come. Make my eyes to see. Make my ears to hear. Make my mouth to speak. Make my heart to sing and my hands to reach out and touch the world with your love.

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.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 1**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy and Merciful One, we are tiny specks among vast galaxies. And yet you bless us and invite us into communion with you, with each other, and with all that you have made. But we disrespect this blessing. We exploit the earth and one another. We do not trust in your abundant love. Forgive us. Awaken us to delight in your creation. Restore in us a vision of your beloved community. Inspire us to renew the face of the earth in the spirit of wisdom and compassion.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy on us

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

Welcome

Blessing the World

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

****Hymn 48 (2x)**

"Rain Down"

First Pew

Parish Life

Hymn 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

(front cover)

Interlude

Lesson

Acts 20 (selected verses)

Sermon

"Sacred Partings"

***Hymn 542**

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Spirit, open our hearts. *May we love as you love.*

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Prelude in G Major"
Sergei Rachmanioff

Affirmation

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***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.

****Blessing Song**

May the blessing of God go before you,
May Her grace and peace abound
May Her Spirit live within you
May Her love wrap you round.
May Her blessing remain with you always
May you walk on holy ground.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The metaphor of the Trinity conveys this quantum insight that, fundamentally, the universe is radically relational.

Bruce Sanguin

Most of us will be remembered, in work and in life, for just a few words or deeds that made a difference to others. The way we choose to say good-bye is likely to be one of the ways we are remembered.

Frances Hesselbein

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying good-bye so hard. **Pooh**

Goodbyes make you think. They make you realize what you've had, what you've lost, and what you've taken for granted. **Ritu Ghatourey**

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

Dr. Seuss

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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Lord have Mercy
by Bro. Stefan Waligur

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.



Sun 16 • Trinity Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

Reception for Bill Sitterley will follow each service.

Thu 20

9:00 a.m. Strategic Visioning. Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. Fellowship Hall

Sat 22

2:00 p.m. Memorial service for Em Lowe. Sanctuary

Sun 23 • 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:1-4; (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 & 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Reflections on the Journey. Fellowship Hall

12:15 p.m. Nominating committee meeting. Classroom No. 1

HELP FOR PRIDE! We still need volunteers to help with our Pride Day activities, both staffing our booth at the festival, and providing hospitality help at our Pride service. Please contact Jeananne Stine via the office if you can help.

SPC's NOMINATING COMMITTEE is inviting members to suggest candidates to be considered for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Forms available in the office or fellowship hall, or email suggestions directly to the office. Nominations due by June 23.

2019 SUNDAY STUDIO SUMMER LOUNGE!

Sunday Studio has turned into the Summer Lounge. Kids will spend time socializing, doing art projects, and playing games. Kids will meet in the nursery after first pew and then move on from there for activities. Any adult willing to be a chaperon is warmly welcomed! No need to plan a lesson, just be there for guidance and to help with activities. If you want to volunteer or have questions please contact Amanda Groff at amandagroff@gmail.com.

REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY: An Open Conversation. **Sunday June 23 @ 9:45 a.m.** Please

join us for this opportunity to reflect together on our ongoing transition. We have grown and changed as a church family in the last two years. Let's come together to take a breath, reaffirm our connectedness and renew our intentions for the journey ahead. Hosted by the Strategic Visioning Team and SPC Session.

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH. SPC will celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community with an interfaith service on **Saturday, June 29, 10:00 a.m.** to kick off Panhandle Pride 2019, (which begins at 11:00 a.m. in downtown Shepherdstown.) SPC will have a pride table; please contact Jeananne Stine at office@shepherdstown-presbyterian.org if you can take a shift. **On July 7, we will celebrate More Light Sunday**, this year, we are remembering key moments in our "rainbow history" and sharing stories about how God's infinite abundance has shown up in our ongoing journey of welcome to our LGBTQIA+ family. **THERE WILL BE ONE SERVICE ONLY ON JULY 7 @ 11 a.m.** We hope to see everyone there!

Trinity Sunday

June 16, 2019

11:00 a.m.

For Absence

May you know that absence
is alive with hidden presence,
that nothing is ever lost or forgotten.

May the absences in your life
grow full of eternal echo.

May you sense around you
the secret Elsewhere,
where the presences
that have left you dwell.

May you be generous
in your embrace of loss.

May the sore well of grief
turn into a seamless flow of presence.

May your compassion
reach out to the ones
we never hear from.

May you have the courage
to speak for the excluded ones.

May you become
the gracious and passionate
subject of your own life.

May you not disrespect your mystery
through brittle words or false belonging.

May you be embraced by God
in whom dawn and twilight are one.

May your longing inhabit it's dreams
within the Great Belonging.

To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings

John O'Donohue

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