

Shall I not find fault with what you call holy, these offerings of greed and war that are before Me always: your greed for power and wealth are spawned by darkness; Have you forgotten that we are to be One in Love and Truth, that all of life is Sacred Gift? **Psalm 50** (Merrill)

Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1:16

Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:33-34

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

Hebrews 11:8

Worship Leaders

Elaine Hurd
Catherine Irwin

First Pew

Lonce Bailey

Reflections

Joshua Nolen
Dave Smith

Assistants

William Gibbs
Trixie Gibbs

Organ

Alan Ogden

Offertory

Michael Wisniewski

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit (2x)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into 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.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Merciful God we are a broken people with broken hearts and dreams. We give in to fear, and forsake your peaceable kingdom; we allow hatred and violence to shatter your beloved community, again and again. Heal us, we pray. Transform our despair into hope, and our fear into faith in your love, a force more powerful than death. Grant us courage to live by your Spirit of peace, and inspire us to build relationships and structures of respect, resilience and love. Amen.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

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

Balkan Nations, (including Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina,
Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia)

****Hymn 753**

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

First Pew

Parish Life

Interlude

HEARING THE WORD

Reading
(front cover)

Reflection
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Song (2x)

What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

Reflection

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Hymn 684

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"The Soul's Lament"

Words and Music by Michael Wisniewski

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.

***Response (2x)**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Our challenge today is to trust the power of love at the heart of life, to let ourselves be seized by love, to create and invent ways for love to evolve into a global wholeness of unity, compassion, justice, and peacemaking.

Ilia Delio

Root out the violence in your life, and learn to live compassionately and mindfully. Seek peace. When you have peace within, real peace with others is possible.

Thich Nhat Hanh

I would love to live like a river flows, carried by the surprise of its own unfolding.

John O'Donohue

Expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise.

Alice Walker

Miracles are nothing other than God's ordinary truth seen with surprised eyes.

Gerald May

Faith is the courage to say yes to one's life.

Paul Tillich

Whatever way love's camel takes, that is my religion, my faith.

Ibn Arabi

(Muslim mystic, 1165-1240)

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

Flowers placed by
the Price family fund

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.

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 11 • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tue 13

7:00 p.m. Session. Fellowship Hall

Wed 14

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting. Fellowship Hall

Fri 16

6:00 p.m. TGIF supper group, Hosted by Becky Phipps

Sat 17

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. Fellowship Hall

Sun 18 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Guest Preacher: Rev. Shelby Etheridge Harasty, Associate Pastor
Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, Rockville, MD

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

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

OUR SUNDAY STUDIO KIDS need teachers! Those wonderful, smart little people need you a few times a year to be their teacher. Contact Amanda Groff via the office.

RISING 6th GRADERS. Interested in joining the youth group? Contact Morgan Sell morgansell311@gmail.com to get on the mailing list for upcoming events.

CARING CUPBOARD. September is SPC's turn to pack and deliver bags to our two local schools. Meet Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. at the Lutheran Parish House on King Street. Contact Suellen Myers via the office if you can help.

PARIS TO PITTSBURGH. From coastal cities to America's heartland, *Paris to Pittsburgh* celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. **Saturday, August 24, 7:00 p.m.** Fellowship Hall. For more information go to www.wvipl.org, or westvaipl@gmail.com. Sponsored by the West Virginia Interfaith Power and Light, Eastern Panhandle Sierra Club and Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church.

SPC PICNIC *The whole congregation together in one place at one time.* **Sunday, September 8, 5:00 p.m.**, Morgan's Grove Park. Bring a dish to serve 12. Assignments per last name A-H: veggie or salad; I-P: dessert; Q-Z: side dish. Chicken, beverages, plates and flatware are provided. Volunteers needed to set up at 4:30 p.m. and clean up after. Contact the office if you can help.

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Ordinary Time

Nineteenth Sunday

August 11, 2019

11:00 a.m.

I Have Come into this World to See This

I have come into this world to see this:
the sword drop from human hands even at the height
of their arc of anger
because we have finally realized there is just one flesh to wound
and it is the Christ's, our Beloved's.

I have come into this world to see this: all creatures hold hands as
we pass through this miraculous existence we share on the way
to even a greater being of soul,
a being of just ecstatic light, forever entwined and at play
with the Beloved...

I have come into this world to experience this:
humans so true to love
they would rather die before speaking
an unkind
word,
Humans, so true their lives are the Beloved's covenant –
the promise of
hope.

I have come into this world to see this:
the sword drop from human hands
even at the height of
their arc of
rage
because we have finally realized
there is just one flesh
we can wound.

Hafiz

Love Poems From God by Daniel Ladinsky

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