

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

**Isaiah 58: 9-11**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Psalms 103:8**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." **Luke 13:10-12**

**Guest Preacher**

Mark Dewey

**Worship Leader**

Ethel Hornbeck

**Assistants**

Elan Wohleber

William Gibbs

Jen Janus

**Organ**

Alan Ogden

**Offertory**

Men's Quartet

**Sermons & Newsletters**

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**Sunday flowers**

sign up in office

**GATHERING OUR HEARTS**

**Introit (2x)**

Surely it is God who saves us.

We will trust in Love and not be afraid.

For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,  
and God will be our savior.

**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 24**

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

**ENCOUNTERING GRACE**

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Loving Creator, you have gifted us with eyes to see and hearts to love this, your glorious world. But we focus on darkness. We give in to fear and despair. We build walls to protect ourselves from you and others. Help us to see goodness. Teach us to trust the presence and power of your transforming love in all circumstances that we might learn to build up love in and around our lives.

**Kyrie eleison (2x)**

**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Response**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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**Welcome**

**Blessing the World**

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

**\*\*Hymn 399**

"God Welcomes All"

**First Pew**

**Parish Life**

**Song (insert)**

"The God of All Eternity"

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

(front cover)

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Luke 13:10-17; Isaiah 58:9-14

**Sermon**

"Repairing the Breach"

**\*Hymn 795**

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Prayers for Others**

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

"Medley of Spirituals"

Val J. Hicks

**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**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong  
and true our lives may be our gift to you.

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

At our best, we become Sabbath for one another. We are the emptiness, the day of rest. We become space, that our loved one, the lost and the sorrowful, may find rest in us.

**Wayne Muller, Sabbath**

Practice guerrilla compassion — silently blessing people on line at the bank, at the supermarket, in the cars next to us in traffic. Each blessing a tiny Sabbath, a secret sanctuary offered to a hurried and unsuspecting world.

**Sharon Salzberg**  
*in Sabbath*

In our own contemporary context of the rat race of anxiety, the celebration of Sabbath is an act of both resistance and alternative. It is resistance because it is a visible insistence that our lives are not defined by the production and consumption of commodity goods.

**Walter Brueggeman**  
*Sabbath as Resistance*

A thought has blown the market place away. There is song in the wind and joy in the trees. The sabbath arrives in the world, scattering a song in the silence of the night: eternity utters a day  
**Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel**

\* 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 25 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tue 27**

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed committee meeting. Classroom No. 1

**Wed 28**

10:45 a.m. Service of song & prayer at Canterbury

**Sat 31**

1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads. Fellowship Hall

**Sun 1 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Mary Jane Hitt

*Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14*

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

5:00 p.m. Community dinner. Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town

**COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, Sept. 1, 5:00 p.m.**, Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Go to PerfectPotluck.com; coordinator Wright, password 5777. Drop off hot food 3:45-4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

**TAIZE PRAYER** is a contemplative prayer service, grounded in silence and simple chant, and is dedicated to fostering peace and reconciliation throughout the whole human family. **First Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., starting Sept. 4.** All are welcome to join.

**SPC CHOIR** rehearsals resume **Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7:30 p.m.** All singers 16 years and older are welcome! Questions? Contact Choir Director, Georgiann Toole at georgiann1@aol.com.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** This fall the Presbyterian Women are discussing Marcus Borg's book *Convictions. How I Learned What Matters Most.* The book is described as "A Manifesto for Progressive Christians." If you need a copy of the book, contact

Rie Wilson via riwilson@me.com. Our first meeting this fall is **Sept. 5, 10 a.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome.

**SPC PICNIC** *The whole congregation together in one place at one time.* **Sunday, Sept. 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** The Session is calling a congregational meeting for **Sept. 15 at 9:45 a.m.** At that time, the Pastor Nominating Committee will offer details about the candidate they are presenting to be our new pastor and why they are so excited to do so. The congregation will then be invited to approve the "terms of call" for this candidate. Everyone is encouraged to make every effort to attend this meeting and hear about the nominee.

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**Ordinary Time**  
Twenty-first Sunday

**August 25, 2019**  
11:00 a.m.

**Unconditional**

Willing to experience aloneness,  
I discover connection everywhere;  
Turning to face my fear,  
I meet the warrior who lives within;  
Opening to my loss,  
I gain the embrace of the universe;  
Surrendering into emptiness,  
I find fullness without end.  
Each condition I flee from pursues me,  
Each condition I welcome transforms me  
And becomes itself transformed  
Into its radiant jewel-like essence.  
I bow to the one who has made it so,  
Who has crafted this Master Game.  
To play it is purest delight;  
To honor its form — true devotion.

**Jennifer Welwood**

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