

How long, O Indwelling Presence? Will your patience last forever? For the ignorant and unloving are laying waste to the planet. **Psalm 79** (Merrill)

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Jeremiah 8:21

Jesus said: "No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Luke 16:13

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

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)

With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness,
and in your light we shall see true light.
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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 694**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

O Beloved, we are so disheartened by wars and systems of exploitation and violence. We give in to fear and surrender our hope in the presence of so much suffering, greed and apathy. Open our hearts that we might renew our trust in the power of Love. Grant us courage, teach us compassion, and help us walk humbly with you in the way of peace.

Kyrie eleison (2x)

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
Love the Lord your God with all your soul
Love the Lord your God with all your mind
Love the Lord your God with all that you are

Welcome

Blessing the World

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

****Hymn 188**

"Jesus Loves Me!"

First Pew

Moving Up Ceremony

Parish Life

Hymn 795

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

(front cover)

Interlude

Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sermon

"The Risks of Love"

Hymn 692

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Let there be light and hope. *Let there be peace and joy.*

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Richard Shepherd

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

I believe—if I am to believe Jesus—that God is suffering love. If we are created in God's image, and if there is so much suffering in the world, then God must also be suffering.

Richard Rohr

God breaks the heart open again and again until it stays open.

Hazrat Inayat Kahn
(Sufi master)

We worry more about the purity of dogma than about the integrity of love... What is lacking is a sense of the monstrosity of inequality... Reverence for God is shown in reverence for man... To be arrogant toward man is to be blasphemous toward God.

Abraham Joshua Heschel

Would you know your Lord's meaning in this...? Love was his meaning. Who showed it you? Love. What did he show you? Love. Wherefore did he show it you? For love... before God made us, he loved us; which love was never slaked nor never shall be. And in this love he has done all his work; and in this love he has made all things profitable to us; and in this love our life is everlastingly fixed.

Julian of Norwich

I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least.

Dorothy Day

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and younger to the first pew

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Blessing Song, Words & Music
by Miriam Theresa Winter.

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 22 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:15 a.m. Immigrant/Refugee support committee. CR 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall

Wed 25

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

4:00 p.m. Connections. Blue Moon

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Sat 28

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

Sun 29 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao, Associate

General Presbyter, Shenandoah Presbytery

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16; 1

Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall

4:30 p.m. Hymn Sing. Choir Room

5:00 p.m. Migrant Worker's dinner. Applecrest Orchard, Hedgesville

SPECIAL OFFERING for migrant workers (month of September): dry foods (rice, beans, coffee, masa) plus men's clothing and shoes. Please wrap or bag neatly. Place food in bushel baskets in office foyer and clothing in collection nook (on way to nursery).

SUNDAY SEMINARS will focus on Richard Rohr's 2019 book *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*. **Sundays, 9:45 a.m.** Fellowship Hall. Books in the office \$20, or pay what you can. Childcare provided. Sept. 29: Chapters 1-2.

MIGRANT WORKER'S DINNER SPC will again provide a dinner of thanks for migrant workers who come to our area this time of year. All are invited to attend. Location: Applecrest Orchard in Hedgesville, **Sunday, Sept. 29, 4-7 p.m.** There will be a carpool from SPC leaving at 3:30. Bring your favorite dish to share. Contact John Gonano 304-867-4368 for more info.

SPC MONTHLY HYMN SING reconvenes **Sept. 29**, the last Sunday of September, 4:30-5:30 in the choir room. No need to read music. All are welcome. This is open to the community. Questions, email Terry Tucker via the office.

Ordinary Time
Twenty-fifth Sunday

September 22, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Cries of a Lost Lamb

Beloved,
sometimes I feel so small and lost.
Do you hear my little cries?
Do you even notice you're missing me?
In the gritty, lonely places where I need you,
in pain and struggle,
in the ordinary relationships,
you are so absent.
In the face of injustice and suffering
you aren't there when I need you.
I am right here and yet I feel so far away,
so invisible, so insignificant to you, so lost.
I ache for you, for your steady presence.
How else can I cry out to you?
Come and find me.
Hold onto me and don't let go.
Dare to leave all behind to search for me.
I am here! I am here! Look for me.
Look everywhere.
For I am everywhere,
and everywhere, I am with you.
I am the lamb that takes away
the sin of the world, and I love you.
I am right here,
crying out to you in your prayers.
Come to me, and I will give you rest.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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