

## GATHERING OUR HEARTS

**Introit** (809, v. 1 & 4)

“Why has God forsaken me?” cried our Savior from the cross  
as he shared the loneliness of our deepest grief and loss.  
Mystery shrouds our life and death but we need not be afraid,  
for the mystery’s heart is love,  
God’s great love which Christ displayed.

**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 5**

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

## ENCOUNTERING GRACE

**Prayer for Wholeness**

Soften our touch, O God:  
for your creation suffers from warring and pollution  
and your people reach out for help and solace  
Encourage and strengthen us with your wisdom  
Until we become like You fashioners of justice and love  
Hands open for peace and benediction  
Gathering blessing and flourishing life for all. Amen.

**Kyrie 2x**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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**Declaration of Grace & Gratitude**

**\*Response**

We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.  
O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.  
God will see us through; God will see us through;  
God will see us through today.  
O, deep in my I heart I do believe we shall overcome someday.

**Blessing the World**

Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan

**Hymn (177, refrain) 2x**

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.

Moses called the place Mas-  
sah and Mariah, because  
the Israelites quarreled and  
tested the LORD, saying, “Is  
the LORD among us or not?”

**Exodus 17:7**

Do not harden your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on the day  
at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your ancestors tested  
me, and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my  
work.

**Psalms 95:8**

We also boast in our suffer-  
ings, knowing that suffering  
produces endurance, and  
en-durance produces char-  
acter, and character produc-  
es hope, and hope does not  
disap-point us.

**Romans 5:3-5a**

The woman said to Jesus,  
“Sir, give me this water, so  
that I may never be thirsty or  
have to keep coming here to  
draw water.”

**John 4:15**

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**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.

**First Pew**

**Welcome and Parish Life**

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**\*Hymn 53**

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Reading**

**Interlude**

“Out of Deep Need” / Samuel Scheidt

**Lesson**

Exodus 17:1-7

**Sermon**

“Hitting a Rock with a Stick”

**\*Hymn 65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Communion**

“Lamb of God Dialogue” / François Couperin

**SERVING THE WORLD**

**Presenting Offerings**

**Offertory**

“Grace” / Arlen Clarke

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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.

**\*Sending Song**

Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God’s own jubilee!  
Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” / Thomas Tallis

Perseverance is the foundation  
of all actions. **Lao Tzu**

In the realm of ideas everything  
depends on enthusiasm... in the  
real world all rests on persever-  
ance. **Goethe**

Failure after long perseverance  
is much grander than never to  
have a striving good enough to  
be called a failure. **George Eliot**

The road to perseverance lies by  
doubt. **Frances Quarles**

\* stand if you are able

\*\* children grades 5 and  
younger to the first pew

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the Price family fund

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sign up in office

*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 15 • Third Sunday in Lent**

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH (Chapter 6)  
12:15 p.m. Immigration & Refugee committee.  
CR 1  
5:30 p.m. Lenten soup & bread supper. FH  
6:15 p.m. "Notes from My Spiritual Journey."  
FH

**Wed 18**

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices.  
Upstairs Library  
7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

**Thu 19**

10:00 a.m. Listening group. CR 1  
7:00 p.m. EP Youth Alliance. FH  
7:00 p.m. Youth Ed committee. CR 1

**LITURGICAL ART IN LENT** invites us to pray with "The God Who Suffers." Use this Season through April 10 as an opportunity to offer our own suffering to the God who wishes to heal us; or to contemplate the suffering of others and discern God's call for us to respond; or to consider the suffering of the climate and commit to transforming our way of life together.

**LENTEN SUNDAY EVENING, March 15.** Soup & bread supper: 5:30 p.m. (It helps the kitchen crew if you bring your own bowl, cup and spoon.) Program at 6:15 p.m. "Notes from My Spiritual Journey" featuring Adrienne Asam & Larry Neumark. Fellowship Hall.

**EASTER OFFERING** OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing) will be shared: 50% to humanitarian ministries of the PCUSA (hunger relief, disaster assistance, self-development of people projects), 25% to Jefferson County Community Ministries (JCCM), and 25% to

**Fri 20**

8:00 p.m. Celebration of Strings concert.  
Sponsored by Shepherdstown Music  
& Dance. Sanctuary

**Sat 21**

7:30 a.m. Men's breakfast. FH  
9:00 a.m. Session retreat. FH  
3:00 p.m. Memorial Service for  
Duane Alexander. Sanctuary

**Sun 22 • Fourth Sunday in Lent**

*1 Sam. 16:1-13; Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41*  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH (Chapter 7)

Good Shepherd. Make checks to SPC; memo: OGHS.  
**EASTER FLOWERS**, If you would like to donate flowers for use in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday (April 12), Additional coupons can be found in narthex & Fellowship Hall.

**HOLY WEEK**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** April 9, 7:30 p.m. Prayer in song and silence. Communion around the table.

**PRAYER VIGIL** to follow at 9:00 p.m. until noon Good Friday. Sign up in Narthex & Fellowship Hall.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**, April 12. Gather at 6:30 a.m. Informal service at Rumsey Monument Park. Please bring a chair and gather on the grass area below the monument. Also, bring a reading, poem, or song. Bring light breakfast foods or fruit to share at the nearby home of Becky Phipps.

**EASTER SERVICES:** 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion.

**Season of Lent**

Third Sunday

**March 15, 2020**

11:00 a.m.

**Doors of Daring**

The mountains that enfold the vale  
With walls of granite, steep and high,  
Invite the fearless foot to scale  
Their stairway toward the sky.

The restless, deep, dividing sea  
That flows and foams from shore to shore,  
Calls to its sunburned chivalry,  
"Push out, set sail, explore!"

And all the bars at which we fret,  
That seem to prison and control,  
Are but the doors of daring, set  
Ajar before the soul.

Say not, "Too poor," but freely give;  
Sigh not, "Too weak," but boldly try,  
You never can begin to live  
Until you dare to die.

**Henry Van Dyke**

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