

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!" **2 Samuel 18:33**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Psalms 130:1

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. **Ephesians 5:1**

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

John 6:51

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THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit 820 (3x)

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

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 true God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

+Hymn 835 v.1
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Prayer for Wholeness

God of complicated hope,
We confess that we have made for ourselves a dainty hope.
Many of us have had language of "hoping in God"
wielded against us as a way to keep us
from the lament and anger and justice
we were meant for.

Help us to learn to allow our dreaming
to be a deep guttural groan,
a promise that we can recline into,
a place where we can catch our breath.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia,
Macedonia, Slovenia, Yugoslavia

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Psalms 130

Sermon

"Making Space for Lament"

+Hymn 834

"Precious Lord, Take my Hand"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Litany of Lament

Response 820 (3x)

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Offering Our Gifts

Acclamation

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 (3x)

Walk with me and I will walk with you,
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through

I shall look at the world through tears. Perhaps I shall see things that dry-eyed I could not see.

Nicholas Wolterstorff

We have a decision to make: keep trying to control a storm that is not going to go away or start learning how to live within the rain.

Glenn Pemberton

Lament will not allow us to revert to easy answers.

Soong-Chan Rah

Someone is dead. Even the trees know it.

Anne Sexton

Opening Prayer

Ann Weems

Prayer for Wholeness

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Ordinary Time
Nineteenth Sunday

August 8, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 8 • 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Early Service at Morgan's Grove Park Pavilion

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion via Facebook Live!

Wednesday, August 11

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting Location TBA

Thursday, August 12

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting Location TBA

Sunday, August 15 • 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25–5:2; John 6:35, 41–51

8:30 a.m. SPC Early Service under the Pavilion at Morgan's Grove Park

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live

EARLY SERVICE RETURNS ... OUTSIDE! Beginning August 8, our 8:30 a.m. early service will return, gathering under the Pavilion at Morgan's Grove Park. Ushers are available to serve as "Valets" for those who would be helped by having others park their car. The theme of "Lessons Learned from Lockdown" will guide our worship, inviting "Community Proclamation" along with a short homily. Music on the Autoharp provided by our own Terry Tucker.

LESSONS LEARNED from LOCKDOWN: August Worship at SPC. As we prepare to "re-open" in-person worship September 12, what lessons do we carry forward from these eighteen months online? Contributions from students, youth, children, parents, teachers, and others will be intertwined with pastoral reflections on trauma and hope. Those wishing to offer reflections on lessons you have learned from this period of "online only" worship should send a one-page summary to the church office.

TO LINK TO THE SPC VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE and other live events go to our Facebook

site at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spc-works> and wait for the "live stream" box to appear each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. For more information and worship materials, see Meeting House Live! on our website. All are welcome to attend. A Facebook account is not required to access this.

A GATHERING SPACE FOR PRAYER WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 10. Please contact Debbie Romano (romano.debbie@gmail.com) for any prayer concerns in August.

READING BY APPALACHIAN AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST SILAS HOUSE. Mark your calendars for August 23rd, 6:30pm for a special event in the Scarborough Library Reading Room. Silas House will read from his collections to help celebrate the new home of the Center for Appalachian Studies at Shepherd University. SPC Social Justice Committee is the honored community partner for this celebration of diversity and social justice in our region. For more information, go to: <https://www.shepherd.edu/news/center-for-appalachian-studies-host-august-23-reading-by-silas-house/>

In the godforsaken, obscene quicksand of life,
there is a deafening alleluia
rising from the souls
of those who weep,
and of those who weep with those who weep.

If you watch, you will see
the hand of God
putting the stars back in their skies
one by one.

Ann Weems

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