



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

August 4, 2024 8 AM & 10:15 AM

The Liturgy of the Word: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Participants in the Service:

Officiant and Preacher: Jim Offenberger

8 AM: Intercessor: Hal Foss

Lector: Hal Foss

10:15 AM: Intercessor: Bob Crocker

Director of Music: Dennis Deem

Acolytes: Logan Houdyshell, Anthony Williams, Eva Crocker

Lectors: Eva Crocker

Welcome Center: Sally Harris & Cathy Freed

The Word of God

Prelude

“O Master, Let me walk with Thee”

Gordon Young

Processional Hymn #596 (10:15)

“Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

du Geist des Lebens

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Officiant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria #S280 Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
(sung at 10:15) Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The people may remain standing.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (11:26-12:13a)

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in

the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
 and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
 and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
 a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
 and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
 wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
 that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
 and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
 and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
 and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
 and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-16)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But

speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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The Sequence Hymn #577 (10:15) “God is Love, and where true love is” *Ubi caritas*

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson

A reading from the Gospel of John (6:24-35)

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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The Sermon

Jim Offenberger

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI (led by Hal Foss at 8 AM & Bob Crocker at 10:15 AM)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe our President, for Mike and Jim our Governors, for our local elected officials, and for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; for Matthew, our Bishop; for Lou our priest; and for all bishops and other ministers,
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and for those on our parish prayer list, especially Jone, Deb, Heyward, Vickie, Colleen, Ellis, Nancy, Marcia, Peggy, Larry, Diane, David, Chris, Becky, David, Eric, Peter, Mary, Ann, Dee, Mike, Jason, Heather, Shauna, Sterling, Joee, Lauren, Peter, Glen, Judy, Steve, Alana, Doris, John, David, Sherry, Paul, Chris, Julia, the People of Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.

And for any others we might now name.
The Celebrant and people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Transfiguration, Buckhannon.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Kenya.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays of Colleen Parsons, Logan Houdyshell and April Kessell and the wedding anniversary of Linda & Tom Simpson.

The Officiant and people may add their own thanksgivings, silently or aloud

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
The Officiant and people add their own petitions, silently or aloud

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Please join me in the Prayer for the Transition.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your blessings upon this parish. Pour out your Holy Spirit to guide us and the Discernment Committee through this sacred time of transition. Be with us as we plan for the future of our parish. Grant us wisdom, patience, and strength in this journey to find a new shepherd. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

All stand. The Officiant says to the people

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Hymn #711

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

Seek Ye First

Doxology Hymn #380 (vs. 3) (10:15)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Officiant concludes the service with the following:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Recessional Hymn #690 (10:15)

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Cwm Rhondda

The Officiant, dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go

Please remain for the postlude as you are able.

Postlude

“My Shepherd will supply my need”

Gordon Young

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

(Please use this to pray for these people throughout the week)

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Eric Dailey – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Mike Werry - healing	Larry Hand—healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	David Cottrill - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Chris Heckman – healing	Heyward Roberts - healing
Colleen Parsons – strength/healing	Shauna Hyde – back injury	Becky Winans –healing
Jason & Heather Smith – difficulties from Muscular Dystrophy		

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces

Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk	Steve Wilson	John Stevens	Sherry Shepler
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Paul Rutledge
Doris Lowe	Ellis Corra	Chris Angotti	Julia Lee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the bread: Please bring a loaf of **packaged** pre-sliced bread, store-bought or homemade, to the 10:15 service next week. We will bless the bread at the altar as part of a blessing and celebration of our feeding ministries as we continue with Jesus' "I am the bread of life" discourse in John's Gospel.

Special Meeting of the Congregation: On Sunday, August 11 there will be a single service at 10:15AM that will include a brief special meeting to update the Parish By-Laws as approved by the Vestry. Copies of the updated By-Laws are available in the Welcome Center.

Jack Steers interment: Jack Steers, a long-time former member of our parish who moved to Ft. Myers in his retirement, died at the end of 2023. We will inter his ashes in the columbarium on Sunday, August 11 following the 10:15 service. Parishioners who knew Jack may join us in the columbarium for this short service of Committal.

Reading Camp? We are going ahead – Monday thru Friday, Aug. 5-9. Let Linda know how you can help. It will be Wild & Wonderful! Come to a meeting at 3:30PM, Monday, July 29 to make final plans.

Books: The Little Free Library is almost out of books for children and teens. If you can find any to donate, it will be greatly appreciated.

Open Altar Flower dates: Two vases are available on August 18, 25. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.