Shame is a thoroughly human trait, yet, without some means to relieve it, it can destroy the shamed as individuals and groups. Paula Hall of Howard Divinity School will survey selected Biblical accounts of shame and the ways it can be transformed.
II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson
Psalm 23, pages 474-475, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
“Kyrie,” from Requiem
Maurice Duruflé
Translation: Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have Mercy.

Time for Children and Their Friends
Second Lesson
John 10:1-10, page 97, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“The Gate” Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn
#802, (verses 1-5) “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
St. Columbia

Concerns of the Church

Offertory
8:45 a.m. W. We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer
11:00 a.m. “Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor”
G. F. Handel

*Response
#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication
We thank You, God for raising Jesus Christ to new life, to live among us forever. May these gifts be a sign of our thanksgiving for the new life that You offer us, that hope, not fear, and love, not coldness, may rule our lives. Through these gifts we pray that we may know the power of Your Spirit. Amen.

Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table
Litany of Thanksgiving
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God our creator and redeemer. In Your wisdom, You made all things and sustain them by Your power. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

Response
#595, “Holy, Holy, Holy”
Argentine Santo

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!
You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shares our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinsless to the end. Baptized as Your own, he went willingly to his death and by Your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God’s rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements
Participants in the communion proceed down the aisles to the servers, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Please return to your pew via the side aisles. Those unable to come may access the elements at the communion rail. Please identify your preference of bread and wine.

Prayer After Communion
God of grace, You have called us to the holy table of the Lord, to proclaim his death and receive his gift of life. Help us to remember Christ’s self-offering with thanksgiving and praise. Open our hearts and minds to a vision of his love, and pour into our souls the fullness of his grace. As we offer ourselves to You, let us go forth to live and serve as those whose lives are not our own but belong to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn
#801, (verses 1, 2, 3, 5) “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want!”

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1 The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e’en for His own name’s sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet Will I fear none ill;
for Thou art with me, and Thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

5 Goodness and mercy, all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God’s house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

*Congregational Response
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude
“Allergy,” from Brandenburg Concerto No. 3
J. S. Bach

*The Call to Worship comes from Ministry Matters, *The Prayer of Confession is from Feasting on the Word: Liturgical Resources, and the Prayer of Dedication is from Touch Holiness edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jeffrey Krehbiel, former pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, moderator of the National Capital Presbytery, and co-chair of the Washington Interfaith Network, who guided and served our community with extraordinary leadership and love.

The Peace Candle in the chancel reminds us to pray for the victims of the floods in the Midwest and South, for loss of life, homes, and property.

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Garage Parking is extended to 3:00 p.m. today.
On Sunday, May 14, we will begin having one service each Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m.