

CALL TO PRAY FOR PEACE

In the 1950s, a woman named Sadako attempted to fold 1000 paper cranes. Suffering from leukemia, Sadako folded paper cranes from her hospital bed and prayed for world peace. Her story stands as an inspiration to all and a testament to the continued power of the paper crane as a symbol for hope, love, respect, and peace. And so this morning, remembering Sadako and others who have walked the path of peace, let us pray:

PRAYER LITANY (based on a Howard Thurman prayer)

Open unto me—

**light for my darkness,
courage for my fear,
hope for my despair.**

Open unto me—

**peace for my turmoil,
joy for my sorrow,
strength for my weakness.**

Open unto me—

**wisdom for my confession,
forgiveness for my sins,
love for my hates.**

Open unto me—

Thy Self for myself.

Lord, open unto me!

And listen to my silent prayers. . . .

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

HS No. 68

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.**

O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HS No. 84

**Through north and south and east and west
may God's immortal name be blessed:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Till everywhere beneath the sun,

God's reign begins; God's will is done:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12:14-21

(NT pg. 152)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

(NT pg. 57)

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

African-American Spiritual
arr. Undine Smith Moore

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:22-30

(NT pg. 57)

SERMON

A Blues-Shaped Faith

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)
I have a dream. We have a dream.

*HYMN *Guide My Feet* No. 354

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION
CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, pg. 16)

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Christ Is the World's True Light* Walter Kendall Stanton

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING HS No. 81
**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *This Little Light of Mine* HS No. 54

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Blessed Assurance* William Bolcom

Following the benediction, it is fine to exit or remain for the Closing Voluntary;
however, everyone is encouraged to go to the Fellowship Hall for refreshment and fellowship.



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
January 15, 2017

The only way to get rid of your blues is to speak to your blues.
—Otis Moss III

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult William Bolcom

*CALL TO WORSHIP
*In the first mists of creation,
you were there.
When Abraham and Sarah knew you and responded to your call,
you were there.
Through the inspiring words of Jeremiah and Amos,
you were there.
And when modern saints and prophets like Martin Luther King, Jr.
and Mother Teresa faithfully proclaimed your vision for humanity,
you were there, too.
Thank you God, for being here.*

**Let us worship the One who brings peace to the nations,
peace to places of conflict and strife, and peace to our
hearts and minds.**

*HYMN *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* No. 434

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.
Please turn off cell phones during the service.

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**
*Jesus knows all
about my troubles.
Jesus picks me up
and turns me
around and plants
my feet on solid
ground. Jesus is
my heart fixer, a
friend at midnight,
a balm in Gilead,
bread in a starving
world. Jesus knows
all about our
troubles. Jesus
wrestles with
tragedy and will not
let us fall into
despair.
Amen.*

—Otis Moss III