

CALL TO CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us into community. You teach us your ways. You bless us with abundant life. And yet, surrounded by your grace, we confess our failure to offer grace to one another. Hear our prayers and forgive us.

CONFESSION OF SIN (congregation seated)

**O God, we confess that we have turned aside to follow other paths:
we take the easy way out, listening to the world's call
rather than your call upon our lives;
we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us;
we hold fast to our resentments,
shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation.
Forgive us when we wander from your love.
Draw us into community with each other,
and feed us with your grace,
that we may grow in faithfulness
and work together in peace.**

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!**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News. God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life. God is at work, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love. God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our disobedience, and offering us grace. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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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!**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 121 (OT pg. 539)
(8:30 spoken; 11:00 sung)

ANTHEM (11:00) *I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes* Jean Berger

THE EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 3:1-9 (NT pg. 156)

THE SERMON *Living on the Edge* Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

**We believe in God, the Source of life and birth.
We believe in the Word who came to earth.
We believe in the Spirit, God's Holy Flame.
We believe that God gathers, protects and cares for the church.
We believe the church is a community of believers,
reconciled with God and with one another.
We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred only serves to harm
and damage our relationships.
We believe that through the working of God's Spirit,
unity can become a binding force in the world.
We believe in God's wisdom.
We believe in the healing power of Christ's love. Amen.**

*HYMN (11:00) *The Church's One Foundation* HS No. 55

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY (8:30) *Trio en passacaille* Andre Raison
(11:00) *Join We All with One Accord* Moravian hymn

*PRESENTATION OF 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
We have been blessed, most generous God, beyond our deserving.
We have been fed in ways we have not acknowledged.
We offer these gifts that we might share your love beyond these walls.
Unite us with one another in your ministry of reconciliation. Amen.

*HYMN *Hope of the World* No. 360

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Dialogue* Jean Guilain



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017

"If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space."
—Stephen Hunt

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*Think of a time
when your spirit
was refreshed.
Think of a song that
moved you to tears,
or a prayer that
inspired you to act.
Think of laughter
shared with friends
or the care of your
family. Think of a
stranger who made
you feel welcome or
of someone who
said, 'I love you.'
Think of the
suffering and
forgiving love of
Jesus. Think of the
Maker and
give thanks.
Amen.*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Fonds d'orgue - Basse de trompette - Recit Louis Marchand

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Come!

Come and worship,
*you who woke early and you who slept late;
you who come often, and you who don't.*
Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,
there is room for all of us in this place,
and more than enough grace to go around.
Come! Let us worship God.

*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* No. 150

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