

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus spoke to the crowds: "Come to me, all you who are struggling and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light." Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Everlasting God,
you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Since the creation of the world,
you have nurtured us with your love.
And yet we acknowledge
that we do not always share your love with others.
We are selective about who we choose as neighbors. . .
only those who are clean,
who look like us,
who talk like us,
who seem safe.
Loving God, teach us to love you more fully.
For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others,
even as your love encompasses all your creation,
in all generations.
We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

No. 572

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do you remember? At one time, you were the stranger, the outsider, the alien. But now in Christ, you have been brought home to God's household of hope and peace.

**God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever;
God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**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!**

HS No. 84

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER Psalm 90 (OT pg. 517)

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2:11-22 (NT pg. 181)

ANTHEM *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* Andrew Carter

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14 (NT pg. 102)
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON **Dwelling Places** Lanie Sipes

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.
In God's reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between brothers and sisters
and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic differences,
real or imaginary.*

**The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another
as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education,
marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore,
the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination
and ministers to those injured by it.**

*Congregations, individuals, and groups of Christians who exclude, dominate,
or patronize their brothers or sisters in Christ, however subtly, resist the Spirit of
God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.*

**Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to do far more
abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

—from The Confession of 1967, PC(USA)

*HYMN *Loving Spirit* No. 323

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Psalm 47* Claude Goudimel

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING No. 591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *O for a World* No. 386

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Lobe den Herren* Helmut Walcha



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 28, 2017

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
—Psalm 90:1

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Trio in F Major* J. L. Krebs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge in days of trouble,
and our hope and joy in days of celebration!**

*Day after day, we seek God's face and
the assurance of God's holy love:*

**O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us,
but be our guide and our light.**

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our
life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

*Beloved of God, enter this place of worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!*

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* HS No. 47

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

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**
*Lord of all nations,
we pause to reflect
upon our many
blessings. Thank
you for those who
have served in the
armed services of
our country, risking
their lives for our
liberty. Thank you
for those who have
given their lives in
service to our
country, sacrificing
in such a costly way
for the sake of
others, including
me. We pray today
for the families and
friends of those who
have given their
lives in service to
our nation. May
they be comforted
in their sadness and
proud of those they
have lost. God of
peace, give leaders
of all nations a
passion for peace.
Amen.*