

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have sinned this week, O God, in word, thought, and deed.

We have said things we ought not to have said and withheld praise  
when it should have been given.

We have thought that which was unkind, unholy, and unprofitable.

We have been busy about many things that should not have occupied our time  
and have neglected to do those things that would have served others  
and pleased you.

Forgive us our sins, heal our brokenness, and grant us your mercy.

### SILENT PRAYERS

### SUNG RESPONSE

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

HS No. 68

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*God's forgiveness is as everlasting as the ages.*

**God's mercy is as wide as the seas.**

*Surely God will forgive our iniquities.*

**And restore a right spirit within us.**

*For whatever we have done or left undone,*

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,  
And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.

We bless, we worship You, we raise

For Your great glory thanks and praise,  
O God, the great Creator.

HS No. 22

### \*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

#### THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:12-25

(NT pg. 147)

#### A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 28:10-22

(OT pg. 24)

#### THE SERMON

#### Up and Down the Ladder

Ken Henry

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

#### \*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe that God is Spirit, and that those who worship  
God must worship in spirit and in truth.*

**We believe that God is Light, and that if we walk  
in the light we have fellowship with one another.**

*We believe that God is Love, and that everyone who loves is  
born of God and knows God.*

**We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that  
in him we have life now and forever.**

*We believe that as Christ loves us, so we must love one another.  
And we believe that salvation and glory and power belong  
to our God, who reigns forever and ever. Amen.*

\*HYMN

*I Want to Walk as a Child of Light*

HS No. 44

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION  
CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
(Bill Chapman, tuba)

(Hymnal, p. 16)

arr. Bill Boyd

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

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

No. 591

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You astonish us each day, O God,  
with the boundlessness of your love and generosity.  
If there is one thing we learn in worship,  
let it be not to take any gift for granted,  
but to remember that it comes from you  
and to live in perpetual gratitude,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

No. 320

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Sonata*

Bernardo Pasquini



*Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*Charlottesville, Virginia*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2017

"I imagine that rock pillows are conducive to dreaming,  
if not severe spinal problems."

John C. Holbert,  
Professor Emeritus of Perkins School of Theology

**PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Berceuse*

Louis Vierne

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Lord, we believe in you.*

**Help thou our unbelief.**

*Lord, we love you.*

**Help us to love you with all our hearts.**

*Lord, we sing praises to your name.*

**Help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

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\*HYMN

*O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand*

No. 269

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