

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
 in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
 Although Christ is among us as our peace,
 we are a people divided against ourselves
 as we cling to the values of a broken world.
 The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
 The fears and jealousies that we harbor
 set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
 We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
 of intellect and reason,
 and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
 Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
 Set us free to follow you and be agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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! Who is in a position to condemn?
 Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
 Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
 Thanks be to God! Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HS No. 22

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.

*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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 8	(OT pg. 466)
THE GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 13:24-27	(NT pg. 47)
COMMUNION MEDITATION	An Eclipse of the Heart	Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength,
 a very present help in trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
 though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
 though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
 God will help it when the morning dawns.
 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
 God utters God's voice, the earth melts.
 "Be still, and know that I am God!
 I am exalted among the nations,
 I am exalted in the earth."
 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*HYMN (11:00)

View the Present Through the Promise

(see insert)

(v. 1 choir; v. 2-3 congregation)

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)	<i>Adagio (Sonata 1)</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
(11:00)	<i>When the Stars Fall</i>	arr. Stephen Hatfield
	Winston Barham, tenor	

PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal, page 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise. . .

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HS No. 78

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

HS No. 79

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

All of Tender Heart

James Woodman

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service.

**Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup,
to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be
part of the life of your kingdom,**

**and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

HS No. 59

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Alleluia

James Woodman



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2017

*Once upon a time I was falling in love, but now I'm only falling apart.
And there's nothing I can do. A total eclipse of the heart.*

John Steinman

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *All Creatures of Our God & King*
(*Sister Moon – Brother Sun – Mother Earth*) James Woodman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come take off your shoes –

for where we stand is holy ground.

Come love your neighbor and do good to all around you –

for where we stand is holy ground.

Come listen for God to speak –

for where we stand is holy ground.

Come worship and praise –

for where we stand is holy ground.

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*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King
(verses 1-5, 7)

HS No. 45

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

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Think of a time when you saw that the world was beautiful. Think of a sunset over the hills or sunrise over a sleeping city. Think of a running river, or stars shining on a dark sea. 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. Think of a stranger who made you feel welcome. Think of the Maker and give thanks. Amen.