

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God,

We are thankful that your mercy is
higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward those who suffer,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of wealth at the expense of others' poverty,
our indifference to systems of oppression and injustice,
our neglect of those who are most vulnerable.

Help us to change our way of life,
so that we may desire what is good,
love what you love,
and do what you command.

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

*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.
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

PSALTER Psalm 103:1-22 (OT pg. 523)

ANTHEM (11:00) *Bow Down Low* arr. David Bridges

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 14:19-31 (OT pg. 58)
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Braving the Wilderness** Lynne Clements

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in times of 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.

The Lord of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The Lord makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;
the Lord breaks the bow and shatters the spear.

“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) *God of Our Life* No. 275

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY (8:30) *Sarabande Air* David Dahl
OFFERTORY (11:00) *Laudate Nomen Domini* Christopher Tye

*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 *Let All Things Now Living* No. 554

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Voluntary (X)* William Boyce



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*Did I offer peace today?
Did I bring a smile to someone's face?
Did I say words of healing?
Did I let go of my anger and resentment?
Did I forgive?
Did I love?
These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.
Amen.*

Henri Nouwen

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Variations on Sandon* Jan Pieterszoon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

Praise the Lord!

We will never forget the good things God has done for us.

Praise the Lord, all the earth—everyone, everywhere!

We will praise the Lord!

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*HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

No. 479

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