

CALL TO CONFESSION

Through our prayers of confession, spoken, sung, and silent, we acknowledge the broken parts of our lives: our faults, our failures, our impatience, and our inability to place our whole trust in the God who made us. And so in humility, let us turn to God in prayer.

SILENT PRAYERS

CONFESSION OF SIN (Spoken at 8:30, sung by the choir at 11:00)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

Daniel Grotz, baritone

K. Getty & S. Townend

arr. David Angerman

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

As we come before you with the needs of our world, we confess our failures and our sin, for our words are many yet our deeds have been few; fan the fire of compassion once again.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When the cries of victims go unheard in the land, and the scars of war refuse to heal, will we stand for justice to empower the weak, until their bonds of oppression are no more?

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

**If we love our God with all our heart, mind and strength,
and we love our neighbors as ourselves, then this law of love
will heal the nations of earth and the glory of Christ will be revealed.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

**Lord, renew our vision to be Christ where we live,
to reach out in mercy to the lost; for each cup of kindness
to the least in our midst is an offering of worship to the throne.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

**In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed,
and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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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, 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

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kobby Hoffman

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

Psalm 96:1-13

(OT pg. 520)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

(OT pg. 77)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Between A Rock and A Holy Place

Lynne Clements

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others

and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Sonata IV: Allegretto* Felix Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

For we were called to freedom. . .

Let us serve one another in love.

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*When we are tempted to consume and devour each other;
when strife, jealousy, and anger threaten to break apart community,*

let us live by the Spirit.

Let us serve one another in love.

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*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

No. 138

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

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*God, you have
called your
servants
to ventures of which
we cannot see the
ending,
by paths as yet
untrodden,
through perils
unknown.
Give us faith to go
out with good
courage,
not knowing where
we go,
but only that your
hand is leading us
and your love
supporting us;
through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage. Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN (11:00)

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

HS No. 26

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

(Hymnal, p. 16)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)
(11:00)

Nicaea
Christ has no body but yours

Calvin Hampton
Bob Chilcott

*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

We rejoice in your generosity, O God.

We are amazed at the bounty of your earth.

**May we be trustworthy stewards who use these gifts
where they are most needed in the service of your realm,
where strangers and friends join hearts and reach out with willing hands. Amen.**

*HYMN

Go With Us, Lord
(Sung once together and then as a round.)

No. 535

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sonata IV: Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn