

CALL TO CONFESSION

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Nothing is more tragic than to sleep through a revolution." Truly, the work of justice begins with a proper recognition that injustice is real. Let us confess the stronghold of sin that would consume us. And let us be awakened by the movement of the spirit that gives us life. Let us pray:

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Justice,
whenever we settle for the way things are
instead of the way you would have them be, forgive us.
Whenever we are paralyzed by fear or limited in vision,
increase our trust in you.
Whenever we offer charity, but fail to work for justice,
show us the more excellent way that your love requires.
Whenever we tire of the struggle and tomorrow feels overwhelming,
restore our hope.
Whenever we forget those who have gone before us
or act as if we were the first to follow in the Way,
allow us to recognize our arrogance.
May the witness of our brother, Martin Luther King, Jr.,
encourage us to be dreamers.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

HS No. 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If, by reflection, analysis, and prayer, we are freed to acknowledge the wrongs around us, the pain among us, the sin within us, and the work before us, God's mission of peace with justice is being revealed in our midst. Always remember and never forget: your burden has been lifted! The liberating love of God is at work within you!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 479

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
Glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!

*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

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

(NT pg. 33)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Call

Suzanne Toolan

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:1-10

(OT pg. 811)

SERMON

Hard-Headed, Wrong-Way Prophet

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION *(drawn from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr.)*

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us.
I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice.

I believe those around me are my brother and my sister.
I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed.

I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it.
This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation.

I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

*HYMN *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* No. 372

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Even Here* Mark Miller
Nancy Paulson, soloist

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING HS No. 81
Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor to God's name.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.
In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.
In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.
In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.
Be with us as we seek to use these gifts in large ways and in small ways.
Keep us faithful. Amen.

*HYMN *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult* HS No. 33

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Carillon* Herbert Murrill



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult* William Bolcom

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One day!
One day!
One day, every valley gonna be filled; One day!
One day!
One day. One day, every mountain and hill gonna be made low;
One day!
One day. One day!
One day, all the crooked gonna be made straight;
One day. One day!
One day, all the rough ways gonna be made smooth;
One day. One day!
One day, God's gonna do it! We're all gonna see it!
Yes, one day. One day!
One day!

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James Weldon
Johnson

*HYMN *My Lord! What a Morning* No. 449

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