

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worthy is the Lamb!

Blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

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***HYMN**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 210

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Eternal God, shepherd of your people,
we feel the fleeting passage of life,
and we know how fragile is our existence
on this tiny planet amid the spinning galaxies.**

We confess with the prophet:

**“All flesh is grass,
and all its glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall....”**

Yet we also confess:

“The word of our God stands forever.”

**Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

**We look to you as frightened children look to their mother,
for you alone can comfort us.**

Have mercy on us, O God.

**See our tears and hear our cries
and lead us all, as pilgrims,
through this valley of death's shadow
into the light of the resurrection
of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

SILENT PRAYERS

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

ANTHEM

Requiem aeternam

John Rutter

Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee:
and light perpetual shine on them for ever.
Thou, Lord, art worshipped in Sion:
thy praises shall ever be sung in all Jerusalem.
O hear us; O Lord, hear thy faithful servants' prayer;
to thee shall all mortal flesh return.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hope in the Lord,

**for with God there is steadfast love,
and great power to redeem.**

God will forgive and redeem us from all our sins.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 83

**All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY (11:00)

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (11:00)

HYMN (11:00)

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

No. 364

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Enable us to respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 17:1-8

(OT pg. 12)

PSALTER

Out of the Deep (Psalm 130)

John Rutter

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31 - 9:1

(NT pg. 41)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Pie Jesu

John Rutter

Lauren Hauser, soprano

Blessed Jesus, Lord I pray, in thy mercy grant them rest.
Lord our God, we pray thee, grant them everlasting rest.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and majesty.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our God:
Hosanna in the highest.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

(Hymnal, p. 14)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***HYMN (11:00)**

Nearer, My God, to Thee

HS No. 31

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

(Hymnal, p. 16)

**THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

John Rutter

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

HS No. 52

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

No. 264

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

Johannes Brahms

*During the season of Lent,
the congregation will be seated during the Closing Music for a short period of meditation.*

Songs of Resistance: A Lenten Theme.

During the season of Lent, our theme this year is *Songs of Resistance*. Over the next six weeks through liturgy, preaching, scripture, and music, we will explore and reflect on songs from scripture. We'll look at Old and New Testament passages in which ancient peoples, despite suffering, brokenness, persecution, and imprisonment, lifted up songs and sang God's praises. We'll also take time to examine those songs that came out of America's civil rights history. How do people who face trials and obstacles in life find their voices? What is the song that will get us through troubled times? What is your song?

Participating in the service:

Soprano

Diane Balister
Betsy Bloom
Carol Brinkerhoff
Sara Chambers
Margaret Anne Doran
Marijke Durieux
Lauren Hauser
Dana Patek
Nancy Paulson
Nadine Roddy

Alto

Pat Chadwick
Gail Chapman
Adrienne Cancia
Vivian Dillard
Bette Flickinger
Gail Hassmer
Carolyn Kelly
Lydia Peale
Jane Edmister Penner
Nancy Verwest

Tenor

Winston Barham
Jim Hassmer
Steve Patek

Bass

Bill Chambers
Bill Chapman
Daniel Grotz
Stuart Gunter
George Stetkevych
Steve Wilson

Instrumentalists

Brianne Little, flute
James Prodan, oboe
Lynanne Wilson, cello
Betty Ashton Mayo, harp
Gary Rockwell, timpani

Readers – Betsy Bloom, Bill Chapman, Jane Edmister Penner

Liturgist – Lynne Clements, Rebecca Heilman

Ushers: 8:30 – David Martin (head usher), Cyndy Martin

11:00 – Alyce Outlaw (head usher), Debbie and Jim Wolfe

Greeters: 8:30 – Jack & Irene Townsend 11:00 – Marian Limber and Virginia Rovnyak

Sound Engineer: 8:30 – Mark Outlaw 11:00 – Forrest Kerns

Fellowship: Nancy Takahashi, Ed and Pearl Nowell

Deacon of the Day: Cheryl Oliver

The Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Robert Fair, a beloved member of Westminster.