

*HYMN *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* No. 434

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, One God in perfect community, look now on us, who look to you for guidance—

And hear our prayers for ourselves and for our world!

We know that if we claim that we have done no wrong, we are simply deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Yet if we are willing to confess both our public and private transgressions, then our God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us and make us whole once more.

And so with such a promise in mind, let us confess our misdeeds against both God and neighbor.

**God of Justice and Hope,
we bring before you the painful truth that we live in disharmony.
You have given us a unifying song of love, but we have chosen instead to run off and sing our own self-focused tunes.
You have promised us a score for peace,
but we have chosen instead to tear it apart through our arrogance, anger, and pride.
Forgive us, and restore us, and fill us with your healing harmonies.
Hear our prayers in silence and song.**

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

Do not be saddened, for the God of peace is with us all, guiding our hearts and gifting our lives. May our thoughts now center on all that is hope-filled and healing. For God's Spirit dwells with all those who seek to be just and faithful.

Thanks be to God for this gift of grace!

*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.

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-28 (NT pg. 17)

SERMON **Living Between the Already and the Not Yet!** Floyd Thompkins

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

(11:00)

*Petit Prélude
And I Saw a New Heaven*

Joseph Jongen
Malcolm Archer

*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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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...

*...Therefore we praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory
and will come again to make all things new. Our Father...*

(Hymnal, page 16)

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Attende Domine

Jeanne Demessieux

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

Come! Live in the Light

see insert

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Processional

William Mathias



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*Lord, in this hour
before you, we
pause to ask for a
surer knowledge of
who we are and
what we are about.
If we can recall a
time when we loved
you more, restore.
If we have become
good friends with
some favorite sin,
rebuke. If the flame
of our commitment
to the world's awful
need flickers dimly,
rekindle. If along
the way a
relationship once
cherished stands
endangered
through some
wrong, real or
imagined, reunite.
Show us the
relevance of Christ
for the life we live
within and the
world we make for
others. Amen.*

—Ernest T. Campbell

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Adagio

Gustav Merkel

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you have a vision of God's peace?

**The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and
their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword
against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Do you have a vision for God's justice?

**See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and
gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them
the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor,
together; a great company they shall return here.**

Have you glimpsed God's vision?

**I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more
shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.**

Do you have a vision?

**Yes, we have a vision! Let us gather now to seek God's vision
for our witness, and God's guidance as we work to pursue it.**

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*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.
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