

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Our hearts exult in the Lord.
Forgive us, O God, when our pride gets in the way of doing your will
and serving others.
Forgive us when we miss the silent despair of our neighbor
or judge those who cry out in hopelessness.
Remind us that through you, new life comes out of death
and that new songs can be sung every morning.
O God, you make the rich poor and you fill the empty with good things.
You raise up the needy from the ash heap
and you give hope to the hopeless.
Raise us from our darkness and deliver us into the light of your love.
Anoint us with your healing touch and hear our silent prayers.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

**Kyrie eleison. (x4)
Christe eleison. (x4)
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HS No. 70

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Psalm 27:6)

Hear these words from the Psalmist: "Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me and I will offer in God's presence sacrifices with shouts of joy. I will sing and make melody to the Lord. The Lord is gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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)

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:1-19 (OT pg. 233)

ANTHEM (11:00) *A New Magnificat* Carolyn Jennings
Dana Patek and Nancy Paulson, soloists

SECOND READING (8:30) 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (OT pg. 234)
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Singing Back to Life** Lynne Clements

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God calls us to carry the good news and bear witness to God's love,
and to work with God for the healing of the world,
that all might have abundant life.**

**The fullness of life includes
moments of unexpected inspiration and courage lived out,
experiences of beauty, truth, and goodness,
blessings of seeds and harvest, friendship and family.**

**And so we sing of God the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.
Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing.**

*HYMN (11:00) *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* No. 282

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
(8:30) *Corrente* Bernardo Storace
(11:00) *God's Great Lights* Helen Kemp

*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
Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us
in the life, death and resurrection of Christ.
Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as it is in heaven;
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* see insert

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* J. S. Bach

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



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018

*Hope is a thing with feathers
that perches in the soul-
and sings the tune without the words-
and never stops - at all-*

Emily Dickinson

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*Lord,
you are
resurrection
and life.
As we worship
you this day,
show us who we
are: bearers of
good news and
messengers of
hope.
Through Jesus
Christ, we pray.
Amen.*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee J. L. Krebs

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Worthy is the Lamb!
Blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

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*HYMN *All Beautiful the March of Days* No. 292

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