

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later shouted, "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week, we see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior. In honesty and hope, let us confess our sins to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God,
while you humbly rode into the city on the back of a donkey,
we confess we parade around our wealth and flaunt our positions of power.
While you followed the difficult way to the cross,
we confess that we take the easy way out, denying you and running away.
While your hands fed and healed and held us,
we confess that our hands serve ourselves
and fail to reach out to those around us.
We confess that we sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify."
Have mercy on us!
Help us to lay at your feet all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful and to heal what is broken.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

Kyrie eleison. (4x)
Christe eleison. (4x)
Kyrie eleison. (4x)

(translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.)

HS No. 70

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear this good news: Though we are broken, Christ died for us. Though we are sinners, God loves us. Beloved, Christ has become our light and salvation.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 88

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

MINISTRY MOMENT **One Great Hour of Sharing** Steve Wilson

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 12:12-16 (NT pg. 100)

HYMN *Psalm 118:19-29* No. 232

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10 (OT pg. 656)

SERMON **Starting Today** Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Westminster Youth)

**We believe Jesus is the Son of God and our Lord and Savior.
We believe God knows us individually and loves us equally.
We believe we should reflect God's love through our interactions with others.
We believe the light of Christ guides us and overcomes darkness.
We believe God is molding us to fulfill a greater purpose. Amen.**

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

Hymnal pg. 16

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

O Love, How Deep

Jane Lindner

*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

**Giver of all good things, let your grace flow through us;
a generous stream, unstoppable, refreshing, abundant.
We release these gifts into your river of love,
flowing out to all the world. Amen.**

*HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

No. 76

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

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

Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018

“This movement, created by students, led by students, is based on emotion. It is based on passion and it is based on pain. Our biggest flaws—our tendency to be a bit too aggressive, our tendency to lash out, things that you expect from a normal teenager—these are our strengths. The only reason that we’ve gotten so far is that we are not afraid of losing money, we’re not afraid of getting re-elected or not getting re-elected, we have nothing to lose.

The only thing we have to gain at this point is our safety.”

Tanzil Philip, a sophomore at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Valet will ich dir geben

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 89

ANTHEM (11:00)

Hail the King Who Comes a-Riding

Shirley McRae

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (11:00)

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