

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty and glory,  
we long for your grace.  
You made a way for us in the wilderness,  
yet in our foolishness, we go astray.  
You have shown us who you are, yet we hide our eyes from your presence.  
We do not listen to your word.  
We are lifeless when we ought to dance  
and speechless when we ought to sing.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Guide our wayward feet and restore our vision.  
Fill our mouths with your song of justice and peace.  
Grant us your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### SILENT PRAYERS

### SUNG RESPONSE

Kyrie eleison. (x4)  
Christe eleison. (x4)  
Kyrie eleison. (x4)

HS No. 70

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption!  
Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

No. 83

### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

### GOD'S WORD TO US

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Isaiah 52:7-10                      (OT pg. 642)

GOSPEL LESSON                                      John 11:17-35                      (NT pg. 99)

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

COMMUNION MEDITATION                      **Singing Through Tears**                      Ken Henry

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

#### \*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Made in the image of God, we yearn for the fulfillment that is life in God.  
Yet we are all touched by brokenness; we are touched by grief and loss;  
we are touched by times of trial.*

**We sing through tears. We cannot keep from singing.**

*God forgives. God reconciles. God transforms and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to  
pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world,  
that all might have abundant life.*

**We sing through tears. We cannot keep from singing.**

*We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus  
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.*

*We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers,  
loving what he loved, living what he taught,  
striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place.*

*Grateful for God's loving action in Christ Jesus,*

**we sing of God's grace. We sing of God's healing love.**

**We cannot keep from singing.**

#### PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

#### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)  
(11:00)

*Have Mercy, Lord God  
When Jesus Wept*

(text may be found at no. 312 in the hymnal)

Heinrich Scheidemann  
William Billings  
arr. Fred Bock

**\*PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP**

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.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

(Hymnal, page 16)

*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 join our voices with ...all the faithful of every time and place  
who forever sing to the glory of your name....*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

HS No. 78

*Great is the mystery of faith.*

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

HS No. 79

**Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People**

Communion Music

*O Lamb of God Most Holy*

J. S. Bach

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN**

*How Great Thou Art*

No. 467

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Psalms 72*

Jacques van Oortmerssen

*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**

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 4, 2018

*"Even the saddest things can become,  
once we have made peace with them,  
a source of wisdom and strength  
for the journey that still lies ahead."*

—Frederick Buechner

**PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*O Lamb of God Most Holy*

J. S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Worthy is the Lamb!*

**Blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.**

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**\*HYMN**

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

No. 256

**SILENT  
PRAYER AND  
MEDITATION**

*Lord, you who created death  
among the ten-thousand things  
with which we live,  
give us wisdom for the letting go that  
comes to each of us.  
Let our hearts seek the great lightness  
of being that prepares our souls  
to be weighed against a feather.  
Let our hearts be neither filled nor  
thickened with the things of this life-so  
precious-we think we could not set  
them free. O God, we confess that  
death frightens us and shapes us. Do  
not let us die until we have turned  
loose everything we think is ours.  
Amen.*

by Robin Crawford,  
attorney & Presbyterian minister

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