

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### CONFESSION OF SIN

You have shown yourself to us, O God,  
by Word and Spirit,  
with signs and wonders,  
in flesh and blood,  
yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.  
We confess that we have misunderstood his life, death and resurrection among us.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us.  
Hear the fears of our hearts, and speak promises of hope to us.  
Grace us with your presence and your peace, so our hearts can rest in you.  
Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may trust in you.  
Continue to transform us into Easter people,  
raising us from death into life with you.

### SILENT PRAYERS

### SUNG RESPONSE

No. 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*The Psalmist tells us that the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for us; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Receive this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Tune: Easter Hymn

Hymns of praise now let us sing; Al-le-lu-ia!  
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## GOD'S WORD TO US

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-49

(NT pg. 85)

### ANTHEM (11:00)

*Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord*

David Evans  
arr. Richard Shephard

### EPISTLE LESSON

I John 1:1, 2:5

(NT pg. 224)

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

### SERMON

**Bearing Witness**

Lynne Clements

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### \*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN *O Christ, the Great Foundation* No. 443

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

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY (8:30) *The Holy Christ Is Risen* J. S. Bach  
(11:00) *Creation of Peace* Mark Miller

\*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  
Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for life and light and love.  
Above all, we give you thanks for the presence of the living Lord among us.  
By your Spirit who breathes within us,  
strengthen our faith,  
use our gifts,  
and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN *Go with Us, Lord* No. 535  
(Sung once together and then in a round.)

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C Major (Sonata II)* Felix Mendelssohn



*Westminster Presbyterian Church*  
*Charlottesville, Virginia*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 15, 2018

**SILENT  
PRAYER AND  
MEDITATION**

*Breathe in this  
place,  
O Lord,  
by the power of  
your Holy Spirit,  
to open our  
minds,  
unlock our hearts,  
and enliven our  
faith so that  
we may welcome  
the Risen One  
among us.  
Amen.*

**PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Song of Peace* Jean Langlais

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
*Peace be with you.*  
**And also with you.**  
*Come and see the love God has given to us.*  
**Come and see what it means to be children of God.**  
*Come and see and touch and know that Christ's presence is real.*  
**With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

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\*HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* No. 106

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