

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:

**the brittle words we have thought and spoken,
the relationships that are crumbling,
the arid perspective that centers on self,
the cracked and jagged edges of our world.**

God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:

**when we refuse to listen or to speak words of grace;
when our impatience causes us to say things we regret;
when our mouths become parched, when our hearts become hard,
when we refuse to taste the waters of life.**

God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:

Hear our confession, O Christ, and rain down your mercy upon us.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

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

No. 572

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Jesus says, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of living water." People of God, taste and see that the Lord is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen.*

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HS No. 84

**Through north and south and east and west
may God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia, alleluia!
Till everywhere beneath the sun,
God's reign begins; God's will is done:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*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

THE PSALTER Psalm 22:25-31 (OT pg. 446)

ANTHEM (11:00) *I've Just Come from the Fountain* arr. Robert Hobby

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 8:26-40 (NT pg. 119)
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Ten Minutes Can Change Your Life** Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church,
united to God and to other believers.
As the church, we are the salt of the earth.
We are the light of the world.
We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.
As the church, we are witnesses in both word and deed.
We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells.
As the church, we proclaim that God has conquered sin and death in Christ Jesus.
We declare that hatred, bitterness, and shame can be overcome
by God's love.
As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live
in a new obedience,
God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.
We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of grace and truth—
servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice
and peace among all people.**

*HYMN (11:00)

Together We Serve
(v.1 choir alone; v.2-4 all)

see insert

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

(Hymnal, p. 16)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)

Psalm 95 (Come Worship the Lord)
John Kleinschmidt, soloist

John Michael Talbot

(11:00) *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

William Knapp

*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

**We give thanks for all we have received, O God:
gifts of love and time, money and abilities.**

**Into your hands and into this place,
we return a portion of these gifts.**

**Bless those who receive them,
just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. Amen.**

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

No. 361

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D Major

Johann Pachelbel



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018

PRAYER

*For God's eternal
loving-kindness,
for holding us,
for guiding us,
and for enfolding
us with grace,
we give thanks
and praise.
We offer our
worship today
with the
remembrance of
Easter still filling
us with joy,
and with the
anticipation of
Pentecost firing
our devotion.
Let our praise
resound within
our hearts and
our homes,
within these walls
and beyond.
Amen.*

*Good conversation is as stimulating as black coffee,
and just as hard to sleep after.*

—Anne Morrow Lindbergh

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Trio in F Major

Johann Ludwig Krebs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

Together we shall read and understand.

Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.

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*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

No. 469

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