

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

As disciples of Jesus Christ,
 we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away
 from the love of God and Neighbor.
 We let our system of laws take advantage of the downtrodden and the oppressed,
 using their labor for our benefit, while not fully including them
 in our community and society.
 We have betrayed our neighbor by worshiping human made laws
 over the commandments of God.
 We confess we have not fully known our neighbors,
 known ourselves and therefore known you.
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
 Oh God, accept our repentance today,
 for the way we have allowed neglect of civil and human rights.
 Let our indifference to injustice end here and now,
 as the struggle for full humanity and inclusion continues today
 for our human siblings.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

HS No. 71

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*By the Way of Jesus, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another.
 Thanks be to God!*
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 139 (OT pg. 545)
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SOLO *By Way of Sorrow* Julie Miller
 Renée Colligan, soprano

SERMON *Borderless* Daniel Grotz
 Hope Atkins

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that we are united in our commitment to living faithfully,
 compassionately, and joyfully.
 In an effort to make God's will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.
 We choose faith over fear, reconciliation over alienation,
 and mercy over hostility.
 As we live out the command to love others as we ourselves have been loved.
 As the church, we recognize that nothing can separate us from this love.
 In joy and thankfulness, we re-dedicate ourselves each day to loving one another
 fully, as we strive to follow Christ's example of love that knows no bounds.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Lord, we lift our hearts in prayer. We pray for the people of the world.

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

She Who Is

Tracy Howe Wispelwey

*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

God of broken borders,
we present these offerings as a symbol of our appreciation
for all you have provided for us.
We pray that we remember that breaking the borders of the world
requires a life of offerings - of our money, of our time, and of ourselves.
Amen.

*HYMN

Tu Has Venido a la Orilla
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
(Verses 1-4 in English, then verse 1 in Spanish)

No. 377

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In The Garden

arr. Mark Hayes



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

University Sunday
April 8, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major

Attr. J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let us come to worship the God who brought our people
out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of bondage.*

**We are no longer strangers, but are fellow citizens with the
saints and members of the household of God.**

If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**By showing hospitality to strangers, we entertain angels
and welcome Jesus.**

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*HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 356

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