

CALL TO CONFESSION

We may think that once we've come to the font, experienced confirmation, joined the church, served on a committee, or been here awhile, we've got it made. No matter what we think of ourselves—whether we believe ourselves perfect or broken or anywhere in between, God is continually calling us to streams of living water. Before God, and with the people of God, let us confess our sins.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Covenant-making God, you call us by name.
We confess that sometimes we laugh at your call, believing it to be impossible.
We protest, insisting that you should conform to our way.
We ignore your voice, refusing to admit to anyone what we have heard,
instead going about our lives as if we heard nothing.
Forgive us, O God, and speak our names once again.
Change our hearts and our lives, until we are able to trust your promise.
Give us courage to follow where you lead,
to bring others along on the journey,
and to live as people filled with your grace,
your hope, your truth, and your life.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

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

No. 572

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do not be afraid. God's light has come into the world and has scattered the darkness; the morning star rises in our hearts. Rejoice! For God does not hold our sins against us, but forgives us and embraces us as God's own beloved.

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

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

see insert

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY (11:00)

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7, 11-19 (OT pg. 631)

ANTHEM (11:00) *Spirit Boundless* Betty Ann Ramseth

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:14-16 (NT pg. 4)
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON (8:30) **You Are Light** Lynne Clements

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (11:00) *When God Made Light*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

*HYMN (11:00)

Loving Spirit

No. 323

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

(Hymnal, p. 16)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)
(11:00)

Trio in F Major
When You Pass Through the Waters

Josef Rheinberger
Paul Weber

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

**Into your hands, faithful God, we commit our lives and these gifts.
Increase them and transform them into abundant goodness,
that they might proclaim your presence and light in the world.
Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES (11:00)

see insert

Opening Words
Prayer for the Graduates
Presentation of Gifts
Words of Sending and Blessing

*HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

HS No. 54

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

March in D Major

Alexandre Guilmant



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 13, 2018

*"Do you know that there's still a chance for you 'cause there's a spark in you.
You just gotta ignite the light and let it shine."*

—Katy Perry, "Firework"

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*God of word
and wisdom,
God of beginnings
and endings,
God of truth
and hope,
you lead us into
each bright
new day.
As we worship
today,
help us to
remember that you
are always with us
and around us
and among us.
Amen.*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pastorale

Louis Vierne

INTROIT (11:00)

Wade in the Water

arr. Bruce Trinkley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creation out of chaos, lion with lamb,

God is doing a new thing!

Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,

God is doing a new thing!

Baby in a manger, an empty tomb,

God is doing a new thing!

Dreams and visions, here and now,

God is doing a new thing!

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*HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

No. 285

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