

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who came into the world to redeem, to include, to save, and to offer God’s unconditional love to all people. Hear now our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God whose ways are known and unknown,
we come before you confounded by large and small questions
with no immediate or satisfying answers.
We are stumped by situations that are beyond our reach and control.
We say and do things that are often misinterpreted or misunderstood.
We desire justice, mercy, and compassion for all people,
but our actions too often fall short.
We are stumped by how to speak, how to listen,
and how to understand those who are different from us.
We believe that racism, hatred, environmental degradation,
and bigotry are problems the Church should address,
but we confess our own inaction.
If something is broken, heal and mend.
If we need to let go of something said or done—a grudge, a slight, a stare,
a misspoken word—O God, take this weight from our shoulders.
Send us your Spirit to intercede and make us whole again.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

No. 322

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace as you share that blessing with others and care for this good earth, that all creation may declare God’s glory.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

HS No. 22

**All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
And God’s good will unfailingly be to all people given.
We bless, we worship You, we raise
For Your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, the great Creator.**

***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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8 (OT pg. 597)

ANTHEM *Lord, Here Am I* Stephen Paulus

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 6:9-13 (NT pg. 598)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON **The Light Under the Door** Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

***HYMN** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* HS No. 39
(v.1, choir only; v. 2-3, all)

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

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept ... as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

The Peace of God

Alan Bullard

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

HS No. 81

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
All glory, honor, to God's name.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

No. 522

[During the hymn, the congregation is invited to respond by bringing forward our Presbytery Hunger Offering for hunger relief work.]

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, keep alert and stand firm in the faith. Be courageous and strong; let all that you do be done in love. Strengthen the faint of heart, support those who are weak, and have patience with everyone.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All Glory Be to God on High

Georg Böhm



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018

*Think narrow. Think the line of light that
Leapt under the bedroom door
To save the frightened child who was you.
Your thin escape from being someone else.
The slender grace of a sudden thought
That takes you past yourself....*

Excerpt from the poem, "Think Narrow," by Rod Jellema

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

All Glory Be to God on High

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*We have come to worship God, the living God,
who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.*

*We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
who answers the forces of hatred and hurt
with the power of grace.*

*We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.*

All glory to God!

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*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

No. 138

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