

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call.

**Through your Spirit
awaken us to your holy presence.**

*Forgive us when we are shackled
by our narrow understandings of grace
and our clouded vision of community.*

**Through your Spirit
draw us into your love.**

*Forgive us when we are frightened of the future
or pull back from the demand of your calling.
Forgive us when we fail to acknowledge your grace
and build barriers around our communities.*

**Through your Spirit
offer us the waters of forgiveness.**

We seek renewal for our souls.

Touch us now with your Spirit.

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, alleluia!**

*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

THE PSALTER Psalm 98 (NT pg. 521)

ANTHEM (11:00) *Cantate Domino* Giuseppe Pitoni

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 10:44-48 (NT pg. 122)

COMMUNION MEDITATION *The Place Where Two Rivers Meet* 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.**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30) *Cantabile* Giuseppe Gherardeschi
(11:00) *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* arr. Daniel Grotz

PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP

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.



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal, page 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks,

*O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe. . . . who have looked to you in hope
to proclaim with them your glory in their unending hymn:*

Congregational sung response:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

HS No. 78

*You are Holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son,
the Light of the World Great is the mystery of faith:*

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

HS No. 79

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

All' Elevazione

Domenico Zipoli

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

No. 508

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ballo della battaglia

Bernardo Storace

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

*"I am the place where two rivers meet,
silted with upheaval and loss."*

—Lori Benton

SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION

*We pray for the
Church. We pray
that God may bind
us together,
teaching us to value
the richness of our
diversity and to
rejoice in every
fresh glimpse of
God's glory. God,
you are the Giver of
Life. Give to your
Church inspiration,
courage, and a
listening heart,
attuned to the
challenges of
our times.
Amen.*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sonata No. 8

Goetano Valeri

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Here today there is love, freely available to all:
not our human loving, fragile and intermittent,
but God's supreme love.*

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous songs of praise.**

*Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes,
deeper than the immensities of time and space,
God's inclusive love.*

**Let the seas roar their praise,
and everything in them.**

Let the rivers clap their hands

and the hills sing together their happiness.

The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

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*HYMN

New Songs of Celebration Render

No. 218

(v. 1 cantor/choir; vs. 2-3 all)

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