

CALL TO CONFESSION

*The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

HS No. 71

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Do not be saddened, for the God of peace is with us all, guiding our hearts and
gifting our lives. May our thoughts now center on all that is hope-filled and healing.
For God's Spirit dwells with all those who seek to be just and faithful.*

Thanks be to God for this gift of grace. Amen.

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***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

No. 256

**Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "God is our eternal King."
Praise God, all ye hosts above, ever shining forth in love.
Sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

A TIME FOR THE WESTMINSTER PICKERS

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10:16-22 NT pg. 10

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 4:5-11, 13-21 NT pg. 113
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON Ordinary People 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 *Bring Forth the Kingdom* (see insert) No.

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Every valley shall be exalted (from the Messiah)* G. F. Handel

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING 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
Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for life and light and love.
Above all, we give you thanks for the presence of the living Lord among us.
By your Spirit who breathes within us,
strengthen our faith,
use our gifts,
and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *O Christ, the Great Foundation* No. 443

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Concerto IV in F Major* G. F. Handel

No.



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 22, 2018

"We need. . .to approach the Bible as if it were a parable of Jesus. The whole thing is a gift, a challenge, and an invitation into a new world, seeing yourself afresh and more truthfully"
- Rowan Williams

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Voluntary in G* William Walond

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will sing about the wonders of your love forever, O God!

I will tell everyone I meet about your faithfulness.

I will declare that your love stands firm,

that your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above!

Blessed are those who know you as their God,

for they walk in the light of your presence!

Come! Let us worship God.

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*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 376

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