

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Sheltering God,
 we confess trusting in you does not always come easy.
 Each day we are faced with mountains that loom over us,
 mountains of fear,
 mountains of hopelessness,
 mountains of greed and shame.
 We do not believe that love overcomes fear.
 We are not convinced that power comes through weakness.
 We cannot conceive how you could heal us.
 Forgive our lack of faith, O God and renew our trust in you.
 Help us to lift up our eyes beyond those mountains
 to see you and know you are near.

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

*If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? Beloved, hope in the Lord!
 For with God, there is steadfast love and forgiveness, and in Christ, we have peace.*
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alleluia

Howard Hughes

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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*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

Psalm 121

(OT pg. 539)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Declaration of Dependence

Lynne Clements

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world, we declare with joy and trust:

Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until God's kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

Our world belongs to God!

**We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness,
 and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

**As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience
 and set free for joyful praise,**

we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in this world.

**With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
 we expect the Day of the Lord.**

**And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness
 will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus!

Our world belongs to you.

— from *Our World Belongs to God*

*HYMN

How Lovely, Lord

No. 207

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

(Hymnal, p. 16)

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Psalm 121

Robert J. Powell

*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

Generous God,

you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all,
your own Son, Jesus Christ.

In thanksgiving and praise, we offer to you our time, our money, our very selves.
In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world.
Amen.

*HYMN

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

See insert

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia

Bernardo Pasquini

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather from the valleys of life,
rising up from the deep shadows of our troubles:*

To worship in the bright light of God's presence.

*We gather to worship the steadfast God,
who helps us overcome our fears and superstitions:*

To worship in the protecting presence of God.

*We gather to worship the watchful God,
whose attention never wavers, and whose care is eternal:*

**Come, let us worship our God,
who is more dependable than the mountains,
and more reliable than the seas.**

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*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 263

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

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*God of the ages,
we come into this
holy space asking
for your blessing,
only to find that
the abundance of
your love is
already here.
Open our eyes to
see the blessing of
your creation.
Open our ears to
hear the blessing of
your word in story
and song.
Open our hearts to
experience the
blessing of your
presence.
All this we pray in
the name of
Jesus Christ.
Amen.*