

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, in your great kindness. In the fullness of your mercy, blot out our offenses. Wash away our guilt and cleanse us from our sins.

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

For we acknowledge our faults, and our sins are ever before us.

Against you only have we sinned and done evil in your sight.

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us.

Do not cast us away from your presence. Do not take your holy spirit from us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

Give us the joy of your help again, and strengthen us with willing spirits.

O God, open our lips: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

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

Forgiveness is mercy. Forgiveness is unfailing love. Forgiveness is overwhelming compassion. Forgiveness comes from God who sets us free to love one another.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

(NT pg.92)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

True Bread

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (written for The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand)

Christ Jesus, God with us, Teacher and Word, living, suffering, dying and rising again,

you challenge, redeem and restore us.

Forming us in the nature of Christ, transforming us with your gifts,

you bind us together in one body, your church.

A mother who will not abandon her child, a father who welcomes the prodigal home,

you forgive, accept, and embrace us

and call us into loving communion forever.

In life and death we belong to you. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Offertory

Mary Youngblood

* PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP

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.

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 to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sung Response

Our Father

Jim Strathdee

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life
and renewed us in body, mind, and spirit.
As we depart from this place, may we find new strength
in loving and serving one another.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

No. 514

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Canzone

Luzzasco Luzzaschi



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*God of our hopes
and dreams, we
are empty, and
long to be filled;
we are hungry,
and long to be
fed; we are lost,
and long to be
found.
Gather us into
your love, and
pick up the pieces
of our lives, just
as Jesus gathered
up the fragments
of the five loaves
and two fish
that remained
after feeding the
five thousand
Call us anew to
eat our fill.
Amen.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018

"How many of us today would rather be outraged than informed?"
Scott Simon, NPR

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Ricercare* Johann Jakob Froberger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Why have you come to this place?

We have come to find Jesus.

Why have you come today?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Jesus bids you sit, listen, and learn the ways of peace.

We are hungry with nothing to eat.

Come. All is prepared and all will be fed.

But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

There is plenty for all.

Will we find wholeness here?

Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

*HYMN

I Come with Joy

No. 507

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.

Please turn off cell phones during the service.

