

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:

**where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;**

God of all, make us instruments of your peace:

**where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;**

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

**O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.**

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,*

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 GOD'S PEACE

Hear these words from Isaiah 11:6-9: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them . . . They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Friends, God's love and forgiveness are as broad as the waters that cover the sea. May our hearts be renewed and our spirits refreshed.

**In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage to work for justice, freedom, and peace. 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 SONG FOR ALL OF US

Ken Henry

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 37:1, 27-29

OT pg. 483

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-6

NT pg. 212

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Do Not Fret

David Garth

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

LITANY OF WITNESSES

From past times to times present,

we are God's witnesses.

From halls of power to places of worship,

we are God's witnesses.

From Martin Luther King Jr. to the March for Our Lives Movement,

we are God's witnesses.

From Charlottesville, Virginia to Montgomery, Alabama,

we are God's witnesses.

From August 12th, 2017 to August 12th, 2018,

we are God's witnesses.

From hearts broken, from seeds sown from mistrust, from sins committed and ignored,

we are God's witnesses.

To hearts beating with new hope, to trust restored, to integrity regained,

we are God's witnesses.

*Listen now, O God, as your people offer names of those faithful and courageous witnesses,
both past and present, who pursued the truth and put their trust in you.*

(The congregation is invited to offer names out loud.)

*We give thanks for God's faithful witnesses. Remember. The Prophet Micah tells us,
"O mortal, what is good and what does the Lord require of you?"*

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Amen.

*HYMN *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult* HS No. 33

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Witness* African-American Spiritual
arr. Mark Patterson

*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
We have been blessed, most generous God, beyond our deserving.
We have been fed in ways we have not acknowledged.
We offer these gifts that we might share your love beyond these walls.
Unite us with one another in your ministry of reconciliation. Amen.

*HYMN *Guide My Feet* No. 354

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata Prima* Giovanni Salvatore



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*Eternal Spirit,
whose fellowship is
our peace, we
worship thee. Thou
art never far from
us but often we are
very far from thee.
From the tumult of
the world and the
preoccupation of its
many tasks, from its
noise and strife, our
spirits turn again
for peace, insight,
and power. Teach
us the futility and
insanity of violence.
Lead us under wise
and strong guid-
ance into ways of
peace and humane-
ness. Let all malice
and anger and
wrath and evil-
speaking be put
away from us.
Amen.*

Harry Emerson
Fosdick

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Remembering August 11-12, 2017 and
Praying for Peace in our Community*

August 12, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Echo Toccata in A minor* J.P. Sweelinck

*CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 11:28-30

*Come to me, all you who are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.*

*Come to me, all you with weary hearts and minds,
and I will lighten your loads.*

*Come to me, all you who hate, who grieve, who carry wounds
from the past.*

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.**

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*HYMN *What Is This Place* HS No. 49

CALL TO PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

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

