

CALL TO CONFESION

*Let us now ask God to cleanse our hearts, to redeem our memories,
and to renew our confidence in the goodness of God.*

CONFESION OF SIN

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever:
we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love;
to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness.
We acknowledge our fear in the face of death
and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ.
Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others;
heal us from the pain of self-condemnation;
free us from our failures and renew us with your loving assurance.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

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

*... Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God! Amen.*

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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 MOMENT FOR THE LIBRARY

Anne Ernst, Nancy O'Brien

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	OT Pg. 545
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Genesis 28:10-19a	OT Pg. 24
SERMON	Wherever You Go...	Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*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

O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

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

Hymnal, p. 16

**OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

Jacob's Ladder

18th Century English Carol
arr., J. Schakel

HS No. 81

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

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

Loving God,
we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you.
Inspired by the knowledge of your love,
giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day,
we pray that these offerings and our lives
may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

*HYMN

Wherever I May Wander

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*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace, now and forever,
wherever go. Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Barry Braman



**PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

A Celtic Prayer

*Christ, as a light
illumine and
guide me.*

*Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and
my right.*

*Be in the heart
of each to whom
I speak; in the
mouth of each
who speaks
unto me.*

*Christ as a light;
Christ beside me
on my left and
my right. Amen*

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018

*Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness,
and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts.*

Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad* (1869)

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sarabande

Claude Debussy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Wherever you go,
I will be there.*

Wherever you go,

I will keep you and bring you back to this land.

*Wherever you go – off to school, off to work, or on some great adventure,
I will not leave you, says our God.*

*For I am the God of all comings and goings
and I will lead you on the right paths.*

*Remember – wherever you go,
I will be there.*

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***HYMN** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

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