

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**You have called us, O God,  
And we have refused to listen;  
You have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it.  
We have taken what you have offered us  
and used those gifts to hurt others and to defy you.  
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom, shaped by your law,  
or guided by your love.  
Forgive our inability to see you and to live out the reality of your gospel.  
Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives  
so that our words and actions reflect your glory.  
Restore us and renew us.  
Lead us to walk in the way you intend for us.**

**SILENT PRAYERS**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

HS No. 68

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Family of God, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God whose nature is always to have mercy. Our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

No. 479

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY (11:00)**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (11:00)**

**GOD'S WORD TO US**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**                      **Ephesians 4:1-6**                      NT, pg. 182  
**SECOND LESSON**                      **Colossians 3:12-17**                      NT, pg. 190  
**SERMON**                      **Called as One**                      Lynne Clements

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

2229      **We Are One in Christ Jesus**  
(Somos Uno en Cristo)

We are one in Christ Je-sus, all one bod-y, all one  
So-mos u-no en Cris-to, so-mos u-no, so-mos

spir-it, all to-geth-er. We are geth-er. We share one  
u-no, u-no só-lo. So-mos só-lo. Un so-lo

God, one might-y Lord, one a-bid-ing  
Dios, un so-lo Se-ñor, u-na so-la

faith, one bind-ing love, one sin-gle bap-tis-m, one Ho-ly  
fe, un so-lo a-mor, un so-lo bau-tis-mo, un so-lo Es-

Com-fort-er, the Ho-ly Spir-it, u-nit-ing all.  
pí-ri-tu y e-se es el Con-so-la-dor.

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

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

*Beloved, God's Chosen*

Michael Burkhardt

\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

HS No. 83

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord we offer as your gift.  
Young and old your praise expressing, our glad song to you we lift.  
All the saints in heav'n adore you, we would join their glad acclaim;  
As your angels serve before you, so on earth we praise your name.

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of wisdom,  
may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need.  
Guide us as we administer the gifts you have given us  
for the building of your kingdom.  
In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

COMMISSIONING FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE (11:00)

\*HYMN

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

No. 132

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Mit Freuden zart*

Hugo Distler



*Westminster Presbyterian Church*  
*Charlottesville, Virginia*

**SILENT  
PRAYER AND  
MEDITATION**

*God of love, you  
show us how to be  
rich in faith,  
through the gifts  
you give when  
least hoped for or  
expected. Come  
into our midst and  
abide with us. Let  
your truth  
surround us, your  
gospel guide us,  
and your mercy  
shield us.  
Amen.*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 9, 2018

**PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Partita on "Mit Freuden zart"*  
Gerhard Krapf

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

**We will praise the Lord as long as we live;  
we will sing praises all our lives long.**

*Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever.*

*The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.*

**Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

No. 483

CALL TO CONFESSION

*... With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God  
and the world, trusting in God's mercy to forgive.*

\*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.

*Please turn off cell phones during the service.*