

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, we live our lives as best we can —
dealing with difficult relationships and situations,
putting failures and disappointments behind us,
and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill,
and optimism as we can muster.
But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers,
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead.
Forgive us for not asking for your insight.
Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace.

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

When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with
forgiveness and renewed blessing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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

TIME FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN 11:00

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 1:1-6 OT pg. 463
EPISTLE LESSON James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a NT pg. 216
SERMON Wisdom from Hedgehogs Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The communion of saints,
called from the entire human family, is united by God.
As the people of God, we love one another.
We experience, practice, and pursue community with one another.
We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.
We are a benefit and blessing to one another.
We share one faith and have one calling.
We are one body, and are of one soul and mind.
We have one God and are filled with one Spirit.
We are baptized with one baptism.
We eat of one bread and drink of one cup.
We confess one name and are obedient to one Lord.
We work for one cause and share one hope.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN 11:00 *Though I May Speak* No. 335

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

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Rondo

Giuseppe Gherardeschi

***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 DEDICATION**

You are the generous one,
full of mercy and goodness for your creation.
Send your wisdom with these gifts,
that they may reach those who need your love and welcome.
Bring about a harvest of goodness
through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.

***HYMN**

For the Fruits of All Creation

HS No. 64

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ciacona

Bernardo Storace



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.*

Percy Dearmer

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Toccata prima* Girolamo Frescobaldi

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Who is wise and understanding among us?

**Those who seek wisdom, those with a willingness to learn,
those with open hands, hearts and minds,**

and those who delight in God's love.

*Come, learn more about the wisdom from above,
a wisdom that yields good fruit, new life, and abundant possibilities.*

O God, your wisdom is precious.

We draw near to you.

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*** HYMN**

O for a World

No. 386

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*We draw near to
you, O God,
Source of all
understanding,
and ask you to
draw near to us.
Teach us your
wisdom from
above, that we
may bear good
fruit in our lives.
Root us beside the
streams of your
wisdom, that the
green leaves of
our goodness,
fed by your
insight, may not
wither. Amen.*