

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we confess that our egos get in the way.
We think we know best. We think our experience gives us better insight.
We think our ways are the only ways. Even when we know we need to change,
we resist it, because we fear what we will lose.
Even when we know we need to see things in a new way, we deny it,
and insist that there is only one way. Forgive us for our short-sightedness.
Forgive us for our denial. Forgive us for our stubbornness and selfishness.
Grant us grace. Grant us mercy.
Open us slowly, so that we might adjust to your wondrous and amazing light.

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

from Lamentations 3:22-23

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” God’s mercy is new every
moment. Know that you are forgiven, you are loved, and God has great and wondrous
insights in store for you, if you are open to God. Go forth; be open, be blessed.

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

EPISTLE LESSON

James 5:13-20

NT pg. 217

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 11:4-17, 24-25

OT pg.124

SERMON

Do You Really Want to Do That?

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

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

No. 282

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

concluding with THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 16

SUNG RESPONSE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY 8:30

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

J. S. Bach

11:00

More Love

arr. Sid Davis

*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

The Servant Song

HS No. 65

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F Major

Dieterich Buxtehude



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*Stretch us, O God, in this hour.
Draw out all of the kinks, the knots, the cramps and creases, all the weary, fearful, timid places of our souls, and shape us into something new, something beyond, something brimming, spilling, running over with abundant life.
Amen.*

J. Barrie Shepherd

When the people complained intensely in the Lord's hearing, the LORD heard and became angry. Then the Lord's fire burned them and consumed the edges of the camp. Numbers 11:1

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*

J. L. Krebs

* CALL TO WORSHIP

*If it had not been God who was on our side,
the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.
If it had not been God who was on our side,
the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.
Are any among us suffering?
Come and pray.
Are any among us cheerful?
Come sing songs of praise.
Are any among us sick?
Come and ask for healing.
Our help is in our God,
the One who made heaven and earth.*

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* HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

No. 489

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

