

LITANY FOR FINDING HOME

O God,
help us find our way home.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Swee Hong Lim



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Listen to the promise of Prophet Isaiah: "Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel....Look and see for everyone is coming home. Your sons are coming from distant lands; your daughters will be carried home. Your eyes will shine and your heart will thrill with joy. For God will be your everlasting light and your days of mourning will come to end."

Thanks be to God who welcomes us home. 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.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY 11:00

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Winston Barham

SONG

Make Your Home

Stephen Iverson

Make your home in me. God of my heart, be home in me.
As I embrace this stillness, more and more you are at home in me.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-5

OT pg. 649

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Natalie Sleeth

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:11-16

NT pg. 73

SERMON

Leaving Home

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 8:30

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
in sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

from the Brief Statement of Faith, 1983

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 11:00

Colin Patrick Seaman, Owen Michael Seaman

Presentation Ruling Elder, Anne Hedelt

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

*HYMN 11:00 *God of the Sparrow* No. 272

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY 8:30 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee* J. S. Bach
11:00 *The Road Home* Stephen Paulus

*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 *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* No. 370

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C Major* Dieterich Buxtehude



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*This day, O God,
we are like those
who dream. For
so long we have
sown tears, for so
long we have
scattered the
seeds of weeping.
We have sat in
darkness longing
for light. But
today, we are
coming home. Oh,
run to us with
open arms, that
we might embrace
you with gladness.
Amen.*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*"The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place
where we can go as we are and not be questioned."*

Maya Angelou

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Capriccio on the Departure of the Beloved Brother

J. S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Where is home?

Home is where the heart resides.

Home is where God's Spirit chooses to dwell.

Home is here among God's people,

among prophets and exiles, strangers and friends. Where is home?

Home is the place we leave and return to.

"Home is where, when you have to go there,

they have to take you in."

Home is the place we long to find.

Home is the place where we long to be found.

May justice dwell in the wilderness,

May righteousness abide in a fruitful field.

May God's people find their way home.

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* HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 356

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