

LITANY FOR FINDING HOME

O God,
help us find our way home.

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Listen to the promise of the 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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH 11:00

GOD'S WORD TO US

PSALTER	Psalm 126	OT p. 541
ANTHEM	<i>When God Delivered Israel</i>	Norman Warren
GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 15:17-24	NT p. 74
SERMON	Returning Home	Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

*HYMN 11:00 *Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* HS No. 25

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY 8:30 *Invention 12* J.S. Bach
11:00 *I Will Arise* Robert Creighton

*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.



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer our gifts to you
with grateful, cheerful hearts.
Thank you for meeting our needs,
providing what we need when we need it.
Trusting you, we share what we have with others.
This we do in Jesus`name. Amen.

*HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

see insert

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in G Minor

Johann Peter Kellner

**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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 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

Adagio, Sonata I

C. P. E. 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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

No. 280

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