

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, our high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all our weaknesses, and can sympathize, because he was tested in every way we are, only without sinning. So let us come boldly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever,
we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love;
to care for others as we care for ourselves;
to forgive and accept forgiveness.**

**Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others;
heal us from the pain of self-condemnation;
free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected;
renew us with your loving assurance that our sins will be forgiven,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

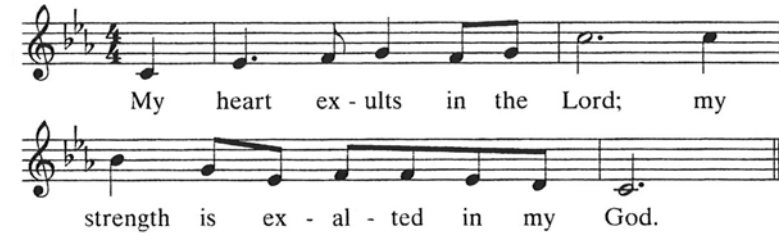
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 2:1-10

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SUNG RESPONSE 11:00

Canticle of Hannah



EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

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SERMON

A Still Cup

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe it is a matter of faith

to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

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**to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family
whatever their race, creed, color, gender,
gender identity, marital status, physical or mental capacity.**

I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and make disciples.

**I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us the courage
and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus did.**

**I believe in the resurrection, God's victory over death,
and the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.**

Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Savior, and Holy power of love.

Amen.

- Diane E. Wendorf

*HYMN 11:00 *O God of Earth and Space* No. 274

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY 8:30 *Above the Mother Earth* Mary Youngblood
11:00 *Awake, My Heart* Jane Marshall

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING No. 591
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, who we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We rejoice in your generosity, O God.
We are amazed at the bounty of your earth.
May we be trustworthy stewards who use these gifts
where they are most needed in the service of your realm,
where strangers and friends join hearts
and reach out with willing hands. Amen.

*HYMN *Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord* No. 186

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Concerto in B Minor: Allegro* A. Vivaldi/Walther



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

SILENT PRAYER

When nothing is right, when we are weary and lost, when clouds dull the sky, help us to be still.

When our cries are unheeded, when no effort bears fruit, when the sun sets, help us to be still. When love is over, when hope is gone, when darkness covers the land, help us to be still.

For in being still, in refusing to panic or despair, we shall come to know that God is here, suffering alongside us and with us, waiting to show us stepping-stones through the swirling waters, and to help us sing a new song. Amen.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Concerto in D Minor: Andante Antonio Vivaldi/Guillou

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen to what Hannah once prayed to the Lord:

**"My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.**

**My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.**

**There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;**

there is no rock like our God.

The Most High will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth."

All praise to our Rock. All praise to the God who thunders.

Let us worship the Most High.

*HYMN

Tell Out, My Soul

HS No. 48

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