

PSALM 137 SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LED BY THE STAFF OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Call to Worship

Amy Robinson

One: Even when we feel most alone and everything seems hopeless,

All: we remember the faithfulness of God and our hope is restored.

One: When our circumstances make it difficult to sing the Lord's song,

All: we remember God's acts of saving grace and our hope is restored.

One: Let us worship

All: the God of hope!

Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Barbara Chalfant

Call to Confession

Susan Sharp Campbell

When we pass through deep waters
or go through time of fiery trial,
the Lord our God is with us.

With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer,
let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Maureen Wright

O God, we confess that our experiences of suffering make us doubt your promise and power. Like those captive in Babylon, we see no reason and no way to sing your praise. In the depth of our darkness, we do not see your Light. In our isolation, we do not feel your nearness. Forgive us, God. For you gave up your own Son for us, and never promised a world without suffering, but that you would bear us through it. Cleanse us of all bitterness and doubt, and renew us in your merciful Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Do not fear, says the Lord,
for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Ed Thompson

Scripture Reading

Psalm 137

Ed Thompson

Time with Children

Sarah Specht

Sermon

Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Prayers of the People

Nellie Howard

Recognition of the Offering

Special Music

Prayer of Dedication

Mark Miller & Summer Staff

Rocky Poole

Benediction

Ed Thompson

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