

**PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA STAFF LED WORSHIP
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CALL TO WORSHIP

SUSAN SHARP CAMPBELL AND MAUREEN WRIGHT

One: In the name of God,

**Many: who created us,
who holds us and the whole world in his hands**

One: In the name of the Son

**Many: who came into the world,
who reconciles us with God.**

One: In the name of the Holy Spirit

**Many: who fills us with eternal life,
who links us with all Christians
and incites us to peace,**

ALL: WE COME TOGETHER TO OFFER OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

HYMN

“GOD OF THE AGES”

MARK MILLER

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

ROCKY POOLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

AMY ROBINSON

**Merciful God,
your creatures cry – creation groans –
but we turn away;
we surround ourselves with noise.
We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.**

**Life-giving God,
wash us clean.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROCKY POOLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MAUREEN WRIGHT

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 8:18-25, 31-39

BARBARA CHALFANT

CHILDREN'S TIME

NELLIE HOWARD

SERMON

"LABOR PAINS OF PEACE"

BARBARA CHALFANT

HYMN

"BE STILL, MY SOUL"

MARK MILLER

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ED THOMPSON

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SARAH SPECHT

SUSAN SHARP CAMPBELL

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HYMN

"GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BARBARA CHALFANT

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