

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

August 5, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

---

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude "Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer" Dietrich Buxtehunde

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship *(Please sign and pass the worship register)*

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**Almighty God, through the rising of Jesus Christ from the dead you have given us a living hope. Keep us joyful in all our trials, and guard our faith, so we may receive the wonderful inheritance of life eternal, which you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn #209 "My Song Forever Shall Record" ST. PETERSBURG

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table. Forgive our separate ways. Forgive everything that keeps us apart: The prides that prevent our proper reunion. O God, have mercy on your church, troubled and divided. Renew in us true unity of purpose; that we may break bread together, and, with one voice, praise Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Time with the Young Church *(afterwards children who wish to go to the nursery are dismissed)*

\*Hymn #510 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" QUEBEC

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 25: 6-9 page 798

Anthem "Come As You Are" Renee Ahern, Soloist

Scripture Lesson Revelation 21:1-5a page 315

Sermon "Hope in the Midst of Relentless Realities"

Musical Interlude *(you are invited to use this time for prayer and personal reflection)*

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "In Thee, Lord, Have I Hoped"

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Hymn #592

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray...**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*We celebrate communion today by means of intinction.*

*You are invited to come forward, receive the bread, dip it in the juice,*

*and partake as you are ready,*

*returning to your seat for a time of prayer and contemplation.*

*If you are unable to come forward for communion,*

*please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you.*

*All of the elements are gluten-free.*

Prayer After Communion

\*Hymn #379

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

\*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

\*Postlude

"O Holy City, Seen of John"

---

\* All who are able, please stand

---

#### Worship Leaders

---

Pastor: Anna Pinckney Straight

Guest Preacher: Dr. David Bower

Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton

Organist: Bridgett Edwards

Lay Reader: Mary Adeline Bicksler

Nursery Assistant: Pat Boisvert

Sound Technician: Al Petrie

Acolyte: John Bicksler

Building Closer: Craig Boisvert

Ushers: Dick Marshall, Ellsworth Buck, John Wilson, Jim Coleman,

Michael Meadows, Cam Huffman, Tom Greenstreet, Jeff Rodgers

Dr. Bower is an Honorably Retired member of the Presbytery of West Virginia. He and his wife Sandy live in Mill Creek. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and Union Presbyterian Seminary. Ordained in 1977, he has served churches in VA, KY, WV, and MD, and done non-parish ministry in CO. He presently served on the presbytery's Ministry Committee.

Bulletin Cover by Beverly Kucera, age 11.