

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

August 19, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

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

Minute for Mission, Outreach Committee Amy Brown

Introit

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Holy God, who is both near and far, huge beyond measure and tiny as a mustard seed: to you we come. We come to worship and sing your praise, to seek your help and learn your ways. Help us open our minds to all that you are: you contain all genders and melodies, all colors and languages. Our limited human understanding seeks to name who and how you are, our words and images fall short. Keep us mindful, dear God, that our language may fall short, but you never do. Holy God, to you we come. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence. Amen.

*Hymn #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God who is our righteousness, we confess. Our hearts have grown heavy with discouragement and worry. We have allowed hope to wither, faith to wander, and love to grow lukewarm.

Forgive us, God. In the name of Jesus Christ, restore us to Your paths of steadfast love and faithfulness with a passion for justice and the patience for perseverance. O God, our salvation, we pray. 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.**

Time with the Young Church

(afterwards all children middle school and younger are dismissed for Sunday School)

*Hymn #261 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" O QUANTA QUALIA

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons Matthew 18:15-21, 26:26-30 page 24, 36

Anthem "Consume Them All" Tim Holbrook, soloist

Sermon "I'd like to hear a sermon about: Forgiveness"

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

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) from the Confession of 1967, inclusive language version

We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.

We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own" Tim Holbrook, soloist

*Doxology Hymn #592

**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.**

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

.....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.

*Hymn #276

"Great Is Their Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Choral Response

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Anna Pinckney Straight	Lay Reader:	Lauren Rodgers
Music Director:	Calvin A. McClinton	Organist:	Linda Walls
Sound Tech:	Norman Ahern	Nursery Asst:	Brenda Jones
Acolyte:	Beverly Kucera	Building Closer:	John Wilson
Ushers:	Dick Marshall, Ellsworth Buck, John Wilson, Jim Coleman, Michael Meadows, Cam Huffman, Tom Greenstreet, Jeff Rodgers		

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Jennifer Runyon's birthday by the Runyon family.

You are invited to Fellowship Hall following worship to celebrate Jim Leitch's 90th birthday .

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