

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

August 26, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude "How Blest are They Who Hear God's Word" Johann Keigor

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

Minute for Mission, Christian Education Ben Kelso

Introit

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom,
and move between us with love.**

**May we so participate in the dance of your trinity,
that our lives may resonate with you, now and forever. Amen.**

*Hymn #466 "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Mighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. 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 #398 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons Matthew 5: 1 - 12 page 4

Anthem "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth" Tim Holbrook, soloist

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

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

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) from the Declaration of Faith, 1977

We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence leads to life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "Blest are the Sons of God" Rolf Unkel

*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 #467

"How Great Thou Art"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Choral Response

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Postlude

"Blest are the Uncorrupt"

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* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Anna Pinckney Straight	Lay Reader:	David Hofmann
Music Director:	Calvin A. McClinton	Organist:	Bridgett Edwards
Sound Tech:	Norman Ahern	Nursery Asst:	Molly McMillion
Acolyte:	Ashley Meadows	Building Closer:	Jim Coleman
Ushers:	Dick Marshall, Ellsworth Buck, John Wilson, Jim Coleman, Michael Meadows, Cam Huffman, Tom Greenstreet, Jeff Rodgers		

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