

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

June 17, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Striking of the Chimes

Prelude "Accalation" Old Stone Ringers

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

Introit "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Hymn #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

*Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord God, we confess that, we resist your grace and the newness you envision for our lives. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that block us from the abundant life you have designed for us. Forgive us, we pray, for allowing fear and doubt to turn us away from you and the ones Jesus taught us to love. Forgive us, we pray, for living according to the ways and values of the world instead of as your kingdom people. Renew our passion for justice, ignite our vision for ministry, call us forth as agents of change for the renewing of the world. Grant that we be like the mustard seed, at first small and fragile, yet through your transforming power a mighty sign of your coming kingdom. We pray this through Jesus 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.**

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

*Hymn #357 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" MARYTON

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, you speak and your will is accomplished. As we listen to your word may your will be accomplished within us. May the healing, courage and love you desire take form and may we learn to walk in your ways. Amen

Hebrew Bible Reading 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Page 322

Anthem "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34 Page 47

Sermon "I'd Like to Hear a Sermon about Hearing God's Call"

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

*Affirmation of Faith from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long

silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "When the Kingdom Comes"

*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

Call to Prayer "This is My Father's World" Old Stone Ringers

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 #339 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Choral Response "The Final Amen"

Postlude

* All who are able, please stand

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Organist: Linda Walls
Director of Music: Calvin A. McClinton
Sound Technician: Norman Ahern
Lay Reader: Suzanne Bicksler
Nursery Assistant: Amy Meadows
Acolyte: John Bicksler

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