

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

July 8, 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude "Prelude on *Lovingkindness*" Gerald Peterson

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

Introit "Give Unto the Lord"

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn #457 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we love our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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 #327 "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading 2 Kings 2:19-25 page 413

Anthem "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings"
Renee Fife-Ahern, soloist

Sermon "I'd Like to Hear a Sermon About:
The Bible Says What?"

Musical Interlude "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now" Thomas Canning
(you are invited to use this time for prayer and personal reflection)

*Affirmation of Faith from a 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.

Relying on the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes and hearts, we affirm our freedom to interpret Scripture responsibly. God has chosen to address his inspired Word to us through diverse and varied human writings. Therefore we use the best available methods to understand them in their historical and cultural settings and the literary forms in which they are cast. When we encounter apparent tensions and conflicts in what Scripture teaches us to believe and do, the final appeal must be to the authority of Christ.

Acknowledging that authority, comparing Scripture with Scripture, listening with respect to fellow-believers past and present, we anticipate that the Holy Spirit will enable us to interpret faithfully God's Word for our time and place.

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "Lift Thine Eyes"

*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 "Oh, the Glory of Your Presence"

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 #281

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

*Choral Response

"Lord, Dismiss Us, With Thy Blessing"

Postlude

"A Lamp Unto My Feet"

Edward Broughton

* All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Anna Pinckney Straight	Lay Reader:	Cora Kesterson
Organist:	Bridgett Edwards	Sound Tech:	Norman Ahern
Music Director:	Calvin A. McClinton	Nursery Asst:	Megan Kirkham
Acolyte:	Sofie Kelso	Building Closer:	Ben Lewis

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