

Old Stone Presbyterian Church ~ Lewisburg, West Virginia

August 20, 2017 ~ 11:00 A.M.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Striking of the Chimes

Prelude

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

Introit "My Song Forever Shall Record" Tim Holbrook, Soloist

Prayer of the Day (unison)

**God, you taught the spider to weave, the flower to bloom,  
and the sun to shine.**

**You gave the artist a brush, the poet their verse, and the musician melody.**

**Open our hearts to the beauty that surrounds us.**

**Open our lives to the hope that can astound us.**

**Meet us here, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn #489 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" UNSER HERRSCHER

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God who calls us to complexity and varying facets of life, forgive us.**

**We prefer single-mindedness, unwavering visions, and purity of purpose.**

**Open us to the diversity of your vision, calling us to work for beauty and  
against poverty; for peace and against violence; modeling abundance in a  
culture fearing scarcity. Forgive us, and propel us to live lives of mercy.**

**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 are dismissed for Sunday School)*

\*Hymn #288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 7: 36 - 50 page 90

Anthem "Love Not the World" Tim Holbrook, Soloist

Gospel Reading John 12: 1- 8 page 129

Sermon "Article of Faith: Beauty"

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

\*Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967

**We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere  
of his dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and  
awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty  
and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal  
relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift  
to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.**

The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

\*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.**

Reception of New Members

Sharing of Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Tim Holbrook, Soloist

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 #553

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

*EAST ACKLAM*

\*Benediction

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

\*Choral Response

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

\*Postlude

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\* All who are able, please stand

