

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2020

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Living God”

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!”

(Psalm 148)

Tune: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

**Sing praise to God, you heavens! Sing praise, each shining light!
Sing, planets in your orbits; sing, stars all burning bright!
Sing praise, you winds and tempests, you driving rain and snow!
Sing, clouds that race and billow and shadow earth below!**

**Sing praise, O earth, sing praises! Sing, praises, hill and plain,
You mountains thrusting skyward, you valleys ripe with grain!
Sing praise, each fragrant flower; your fairest hues display.
Sing praise, you trees of autumn in glowing, glad array!**

**Sing praises now, God's people; your gift of speech employ
To praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!
Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:
“To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!”**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

Christ gathers us and gives us power,

to be healed and to heal,

to be forgiven and to forgive,

to be freed from sin and to set others free,

to share with one another and the world:

God's presence is always with us.

All: let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, you have shown us the path love takes;
submitting to the needs of others, open to everyone,
willing to suffer and endure.**

**We confess that we desire a different path; one where our interests
are protected, our comfort is preserved,
and we decide who merits our attention.**

Such love does not resemble yours.

God of mercy, forgive our faint efforts to follow you.

**Pour your love into our hearts that we might learn compassion,
practice charity, and cultivate both character and hope.**

Hear our prayers, O lord.

(Silence for personal confession) Let All God's people say: **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

By Christ's work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. By God's grace, we are forgiven. Friends, let us believe the good news of the gospel:

**That in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Thanks
be to God. Amen**

HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE

First Corinthians 1: 10-15

(NRSV)

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by

Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

GOSPEL

Matthew 7: 1-5

(NRSV)

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"With Charity for All"

Elder Rocky Poole

Responding to God

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us
and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live
with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek
justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not
alone. Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Tune: FOREST GREEN

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess, that we may love
each other well in Christian gentleness.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Going Forth to Serve

BENEDICTION

HYMN "We Are One in the Spirit" Tune: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

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TODAY WE WELCOME Rocky Poole to our pulpit. Rocky is Treasurer and Financial Administrator for the Presbytery of West Virginia, and is an elder and co-treasurer of First Presbyterian Church, Williamstown. He and his wife Medina have two children: Craig (and his wife Hannah) and Victoria.

Jim Musgrave will return to the pulpit next Sunday.

Church Notes

MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. There are several ways that you may donate a gift to the church. By logging onto the church website at www.rlpc.org you can give through PayPal. Also, there is a mailbox outside the choir room where you can drop your offering or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

2020 PEARL INGRAM APPLICATIONS



Applications for the 2020 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2020 or in a previous year. Applicants must also be enrolled in college, trade school, or other post high school professional training program for the fall of 2020. Completed applications must be in the church office by 1 PM, July 1. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before July 20. A check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than August 21. APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com."

Nurture Time

June 14: Read Genesis 18:1-15 When Sarah overheard their visitors say that she was going to have a son, she laughed. She knew Abraham and she were too old to have children; it just wasn't possible. But they did have a son, Isaac. When has God surprised you so that you laughed? Share with someone else, and ask them when God surprised them.

Prayer List

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Hilda Alsop's cousin,	Mary Jane Hamrick	Ruth Pritchard
Bonnie Leslie	Brad Harkins	Joy Ratcliff
Merrily Bailey	Addilyn Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Niall Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Mary Anne Smith
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Juanita Hefner	Mike Spurgeon
Day Bishop	Jim Johnson	Susan Spurgeon
Dick Clark	Mark King	Gregory Stonestreet
Jo Clark	Chuck Lathom	Linda Taylor
Sue DeWald	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Lee Ann Goff	Cheryl Morgan	Ella Grace Washington
Mary Graham	Jackie Pauley	Jo Wilson

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

Prayers for those at home - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Sam Ford, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches –Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg; St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Pinch; Gatitu Church (Gah-TEE'TOE); Riamukurwe Parish (RAY-eh-moh-KOH'ROHeh)

