

# BLUESTONE SUNDAY 2021 ORDER OF WORSHIP

## **SECTION BREAK (00:29- 00:37)**

**Introit:** *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (Hannah Sims) (00:38- 02:55)

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 95: 1-6 (Madison Staten & Rachel Feldhake) (02:56- 03:30)

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**P: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**P: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

L: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

**P: The heights of the mountains are his also.**

L: O come, let us worship and bow down,

**P: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**Prayer of the Day:** (John Leftwich) (03:31- 04:09)

Gracious Lord remind us that a moment spent with you is never wasted. In a world with more options than we have time to choose, urge us to always seek you first. We know that one of your greatest gifts to us is time, and we humbly ask for your wisdom of where to best invest this gift. Each minute, each hour is non-renewable, so please direct us to places with people who can help us further our faith journey. Guide us, O God, to the mountain tops where your name is proclaimed. Awaken in us an unquenchable thirst to bathe in your glory. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** *"They Will Know We are Christians by our Love"* (Spencer Ayscue, Hannah Sims & Mark Miller and Highlawn Presbyterian Youth in Huntington)(04:10- 07:30)

## **SECTION BREAK (07:31- 07:39)**

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 16: 13-20 (Will Snider) (07:39 – 08:44)

**Testimonial:** (Mary Adeline Bicksler) (08:44 - 11:20)

**Special Music:** *"This Place"* by Mark Miller (11:21 – 17:30)

## **SECTION BREAK (17:31- 17:38)**

**OT Lesson:** Exodus 17: 1-7 Waters of Massah (Clay Shriver) (17:39- 18:55)

**Sermon:** Pastor Zac Morton (18:56 – 31:13)

**Testimonial:** Anna Ahern (31:14 – 34:50)

**SECTION BREAK (34:52 - 35:00)**

**Offertory Music & Doxology:** (Spencer Ayscue) (35:01- 37:50)

**Offertory Prayer:** (Exodus 17, John 4) (Addison Riley) (37:51- 38:16)

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources.

Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers

to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope.

May all your generations encounter fullness of life

through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

**Prayer of the People & Lords Prayer:** (Emma Kaufman) (38:17 – 40:39)

Creator God, we pray this morning for Bluestone Camp and Conference Center and for the director, staff, and volunteers who will be working to be examples of your welcoming, gracious, and unconditional love. May they have their faith journey strengthened and may they reflect your love and grace.

We also pray for the participants who will come to see you at camp this year. For the homesick children who will experience your creation this summer, some for the very first time, may they sense your calming presence. For the adventuresome and dramatic youth who will grow closer to you with their questions, may they know that you embrace their challenging curiosity. For all the friendships that will be made and strengthened, we give thanks to you O God.

We are ever mindful of those who are lost, lonely, hurting, afraid, hungry and misunderstood. Those who feel overwhelmed by the wildness in their lives: be it illness, financial hardship or relationships that are out of control. We remember that Jesus loved the wilderness, and sought You, O Lord, in the solitude of mountain tops, grassy meadows, and lake shores. We bring before you in this time of silence, those who are especially on our minds & hearts and are in need of your restoring presence

(time of silence)

May your blessings be within the Presbytery of West Virginia and on our camping ministry this year and may you, God of all that is good, receive the glory for lives that are enriched and which blossom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ and we pray together the prayer that He taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen

**Hymn:** *“Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”* (Old Stone Presbyterian Youth in Lewisburg and Spencer Ayscue, Hannah Sims & Mark Miller) (40:40 – 43:53)

**Benediction:** Pastor Zac Morton (43:54- 44:30)