



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 September 24, 2023 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**We Gather to Worship God**

PRELUDE "Wer nur den lieben Gott" J. G. Walther  
*(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**As the offspring of Abraham, the children of Jacob, we will remember.**

For the LORD is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first together, then in silent reflection)*

**Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are.**

**We are often unresponsive for we are afraid.**

**When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,  
 for we fear what you might call us to do.**

**When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths,  
 embarrassed to speak your Word.**

**When the wind of your Spirit blows,  
 we close the windows of our hearts,**

**afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.**

**When the fire of your Spirit touches us,  
 we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.  
 Forgive us, O Lord.  
 Touch us with your Spirit, that we might be changed.  
 Break through our self-centeredness and create us anew.  
 Give us a heart to love and to serve you this day. Amen.**

RESPONSE HYMN #2275 "Kyrie"  
*("Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.")*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #579 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**We Listen for the Word of God**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
*(You are invited to say the "amen" aloud.)*

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

***Exodus 16:2-15 God provides manna from heaven.***

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

***Philippians 1:21-30 Live a life worthy of the gospel.***

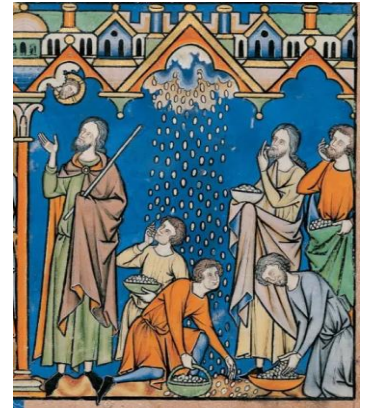
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God**

SOLO "Oh, Hear Me Prayin" African American Spiritual  
 Sung By G. Roberts Kolb

***Matthew 20:1-16 The laborers in the vineyard.***

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Manna from Heaven"



**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

HYMN #243 “We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good” WAS GOTT TUT  
WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

++ Wendy Suskiewich, Jean Whitney, Deb LaPoint ++

PRESENTATION

THE MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP

QUESTIONS OF THE NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

PRESENTATION



LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

“debts/debtors” (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

OFFERTORY

“Was Gott tut”

J. G. Walther

+A DOXOLOGY #593 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Avery and Marsh

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We Go Out to Serve Our Call**

+HYMN #282 “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**  
**September 24, 2023 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ 10:30 a.m.**



*The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.*

**All the People, Ministers**

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# 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly  
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor  
 whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is  
 Him be found, Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

*Refrain*

lean on Je - sus' name.  
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All  
 all my hope and stay.  
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Alternate tune: MELITA, 562

# 243 We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good

WAS GOTT TUT 8.7.8.7-4.8.7

Severus Gastorius, 1681

John G. Dunn, 1985

Harm. *Common Service Book*, 1917

1. We thank You, Lord, for You are good;  
 2. You, Lord, a - lone did won-drous deeds: Your mer-cy lives for - ev - er.  
 3. You made the star - ry lights to rise:  
 4. You res - cue us from ev - ery foe:

Your kind-ness from of old has stood;  
 From You a - lone all good pro - ceeds: Your love will keep us ev - er.  
 Your glo - ries shine in ra - diant skies;  
 You feed Your crea-tures here be - low:

O God of gods, O sov - ereign Lord. We bless You  
 Your wis - dom made the heavens to be: You formed the  
 Your glow - ing moon en - hanc - es night. Your sun brings  
 We give You thanks. Cre - a - tor, Lord: We sing the

now with one ac - cord:  
 earth a - bove the sea: Your love is ev - er - last - ing.  
 forth each morn-ing's light:  
 glo - ries of Your Word.

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## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT 9.8.9.8.8

Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope - ful  
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer - ful  
 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,  
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Keep-er's plea - sure  
 own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,

To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most  
 So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 sook at need The soul se - cured by trust in - deed.