



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 22, 2023 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE "Prélude' from *Te Deum*" Marc-Antoine Charpentier
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 99)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth quake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let us praise his great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!

Let us extol the Lord our God and worship at his footstool.

Holy is the Lord!

O Lord our God, you answered the cries of your people; you are a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of wrongdoings.

**Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
 for the Lord our God is holy.**

For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God!

HYMN #461 "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sin.

Make us over from the inside out as a new creation.

Christ, have mercy upon us and make right in us all that is wrong.

Help us strive to do what is right and good.

Lord, have mercy upon us and remove from us all hardness of heart.

Renew a right spirit within us and guide us in the way of life.

In your holy name we pray. 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 33:12-23 Moses seeks a more intimate knowledge of the Lord.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul commends the faith of the Thessalonians.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God

SOLO "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" Spiritual /
 G. Roberts Kolb, soloist arr. J. Rosamund Johnson

Matthew 22:15-22 Jesus is questioned about paying taxes.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God. Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON "Treasure Trove"

We Respond to the Word in Faithful Thanksgiving

HYMN #2158 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" CLOSER WALK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life:
 social and cultural, political and economic, individual and corporate. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from God's creation.**

The Reign of God represents the triumph of God over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as ferment in the world, stirring our hope and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. We do not identify limited progress with the Reign of God on earth, nor do we despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, we look beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Adapted from "The Confession of 1967" in
The Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – STEWARDSHIP (TREASURE)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional, "debts/debtors")
(When you hear the words, "God of mercy," please respond, "Hear our prayer.")

OFFERTORY "Andante Religioso" from *Organ Sonata No. 4*
Felix Mendelssohn

+A DOXOLOGY #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Avery and Marsh

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve in the World That God So Loves

+HYMN #2238 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" NEW DIMENSIONS

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
October 22, 2023 ~ 20th 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.

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God Is Here!

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Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. God is here! As we Your peo-ple Meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us Of our life - long
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come In the Shep - herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, In an age of

praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler mea-sure What it
 need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit; Here the
 flock and fold, Here, as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus -
 change and doubt Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, Help us

is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a - round us,
 cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing,
 tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant
 work Your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,

All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
 Here in si - lence, as in speech, Here, in new - ness
 Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
 All we have to give, re - ceive: We, who can - not

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GRACE

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Just a Closer Walk with Thee

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
 time for me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Refrain
 Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,
 dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS: Anon. (James 4:8)
 MUSIC: Anon.

CLOSER WALK
 Irregular with Refrain

2238 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

WORDS: Julian B. Rush (Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14)^{*}
 MUSIC: Julian B. Rush

NEW DIMENSIONS
 67 57 with Refrain