



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 October 29, 2023  
 Reformation & Consecration Sunday



**We Gather to Praise God**

PRELUDE "Aus tiefer Not" Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau  
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**O Lord our God, let your favor be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands.**

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

**All: Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**We Listen for the Reforming Word of the Lord**

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12 The death of Moses.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Appeal to the Thessalonians with sincerity.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SOLO "Here I Am, Lord" Daniel L. Schutte  
 G. Roberts Kolb, soloist

**Matthew 22:34-46 The greatest commandment.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Love of My Life"

**We Respond in Reformed Faith with Thanksgiving**

HYMN #240 "Out of the Depths" AUS TIEFER NOT

A CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION

**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. The institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. As a gospel community we recognize the responsibility of all members for ministry and the importance of supporting the unity of all congregations. We affirm that our life together is to be open to reformation, so that we may be a more effective instrument of Christ's mission and reconciling love, and we pray that we may be a church always reforming.**

(Based on the Stone Church Purpose Statement and part of "The Confession of 1967")

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – STEWARDSHIP - TALENTS

OFFERTORY "Ein feste Burg" Johann Gottfried Walther



## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God our refuge be with you! / **And also with you.**  
People of God, lift your hearts to the One who created you. / **We offer them to God,  
who writes words of hope upon our hearts.**  
God's children, come to the Table of grace. /  
**We will feast on the wonders of the God who loves us.**

... we proclaim our thanksgiving to you:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!**

... we profess that mystery called faith:  
**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

*(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and partake the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles.)*

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

### **We Go Out to Continue the Reformation in Our Lives**

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

#### BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF "ESTIMATE OF GIVING" CARDS

#### TIME FOR REFLECTION AND COMMITMENT

*Please use this time to reflect prayerfully on the proportion that you will consecrate as your estimate of giving for the year ahead. When you have completed the card, please take a moment to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and praise, then bring your card to the table and quietly join your friends for the celebration luncheon in the Norton Room.*

## STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

October 29, 2023 ~ Reformation & Consecration Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.



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

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve  
You and Your purposes.  
Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work.  
Trouble us with the greatness of Your command to make disciples of all  
nations.  
Trouble us with Your great love for sinners and our own slowness to  
make You our greatest love.  
Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not  
invested in eternity.  
Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing  
mercy.  
Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending  
glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted.  
Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom  
when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken  
will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.  
(Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther)

GOD

Psalm 46

260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,  
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.  
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -  
The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we  
Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.  
oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.  
can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.



Rhythmic version, 259

Out of the Depths

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AUS TIEFER NOT 8.7.8.7.8.7

Martin Luther, 1524

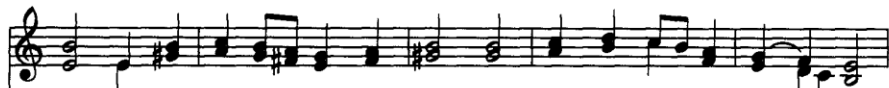
Trans. Richard Massie, 1854; alt.

Martin Luther, 1524

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1740



1. Out of the depths to Thee I raise The voice of lam - en - ta - tion;
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain Grace, grace a - lone pre - vail - eth.
3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own mer - it.
4. What though I wait the live - long night, And till the dawn ap - pear - eth,



Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me, And hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Our works, a - las! are all in vain; In much the best life fail - eth.  
 On God my soul shall rest; God's word Up - holds my faint - ing spir - it.  
 My heart still trust - eth in God's might; It doubt - eth not nor fear - eth:



If Thou shouldst count our ev - ery sin, Each e - vil deed or  
 For none can glo - ry in Thy sight, All must a - like con -  
 God's prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, My com - fort, and my  
 So let the Is - rael - ites in heart, Born of the Spir - it,



thought with - in, O who could stand be - fore Thee?  
 fess Thy might And live a - lone by mer - cy.  
 strong sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience.  
 do their part, And wait till God ap - pear - eth.



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



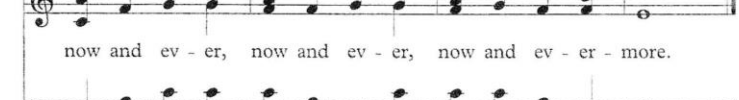
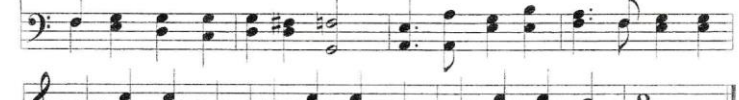
*Refrain*



wan - dering in their sep - a - rate 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.

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NEW DIMENSIONS  
 67-67 with Refrain