



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 November 19, 2023 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" John Stanley
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 123)

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.
 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Those who humble themselves before God have endured the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud.
 But God will provide, for the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
All: Let us worship God.

HYMN #425 "Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining" ABBOT'S LEIGH
(+Those who are able may stand.)

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

Most holy and merciful Creator, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses.
You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your Love.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son.
And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech you, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Judges 4:1-7 Deborah promises to defeat Israel's enemy.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 The day of the Lord will come suddenly.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**



SOLO "As Sons of the Day and Daughters of Light" arr. Kolb
 G. Roberts Kolb, soloist

Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of the talents.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Judge Deborah"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from "The Confession of 1967")
God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate.

The church calls all people to use their abilities, possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to us by God for the maintenance of God's family and the advancement of the common welfare and encourages those forces in human society that raise people's hopes for better conditions and provide them with opportunity for a decent living.

A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

Already God's reign is present as a 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. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY "Saint Anthony Chorale" Joseph Haydn

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Are Sent Out to Serve

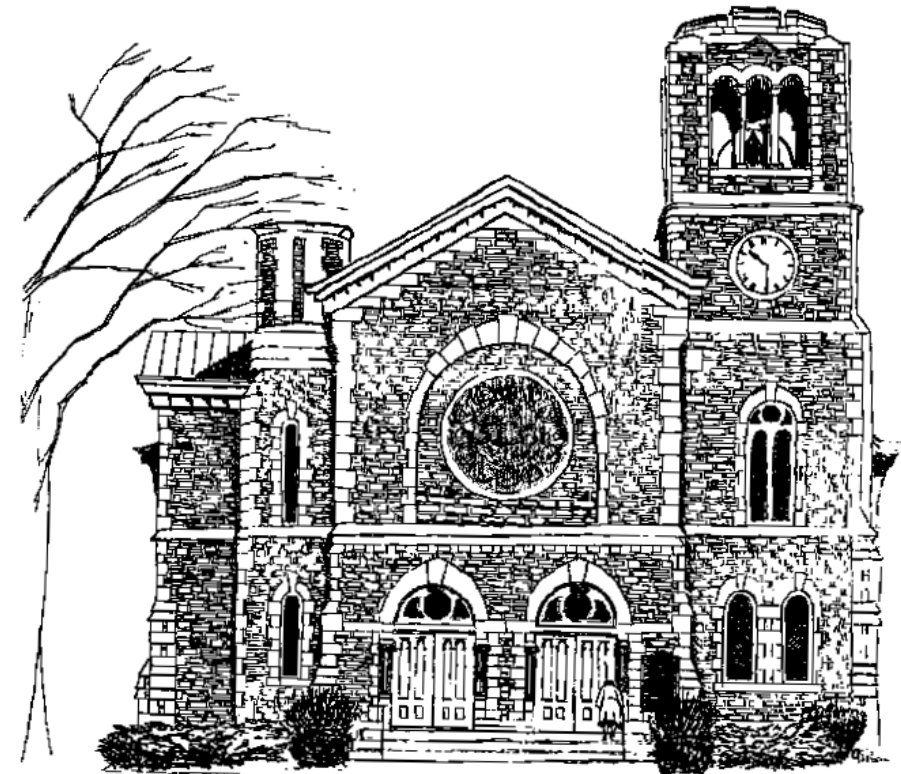
+HYMN #392 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" HALL

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

November 19, 2023 ~ 24th 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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425 Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Howell Elvet Lewis, 1916; alt. ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. Lord of light, Your name out - shin - ing All the stars and
 2. By the toil of faith - ful work - ers In some far out -
 3. Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, At Your feet may
 4. By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, Nev - er si - lent

suns of space, Use our tal - ents in Your king - dom As the
 ly - ing field, By the cour - age where the ra - dianc
 low - ly kneel; With Your grace our tri - umphs hal - low, With Your
 day or night; By the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing Peace to

ser - vants of Your grace; Use us to ful - fill Your pur - pose
 cross is still re - vealed, By the vic - to - ries of meek - ness,
 char - i - ty our zeal; Lift the na - tions from the shad - ows
 all and heal - ing light; By the love that pass - es knowl - edge,

Refrain

In the gift of Christ Your Son:
 Through re - proach and suf - fering won: Ab - ba, as in
 To the glad - ness of the sun: Mak - ing all Your chil - dren one:

high - est heav - en, So on earth Your will be done.

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BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

Robert L. Edwards, 1961

The Sacred Harp, 1844
 Harm. James H. Wood, 1958

1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your rich and
 2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of
 3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through powers Your

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
 Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and free - dom,
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred,

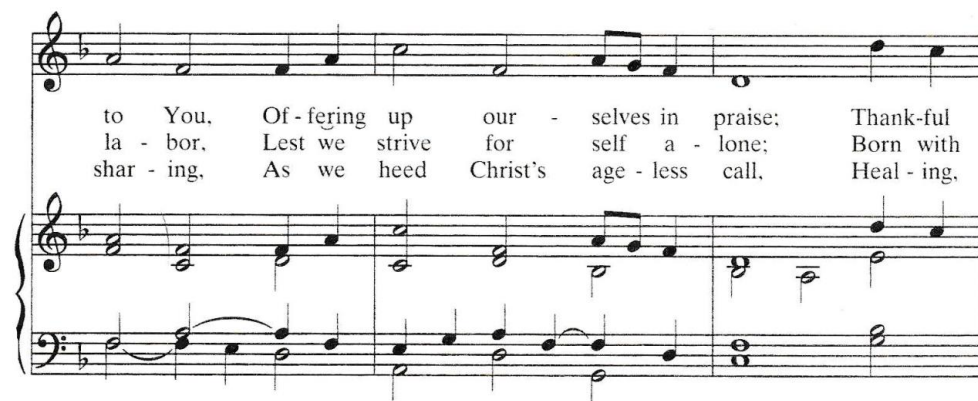
Cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift - ed by You, we turn
 Rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 And to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands, in

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord 392

HALL 10.10.10.10

William H. Foulkes
Stanzas 1-3, 1918
Stanza 4, c. 1920

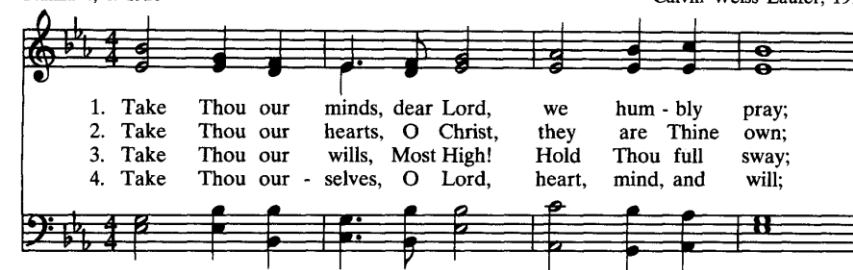
Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918



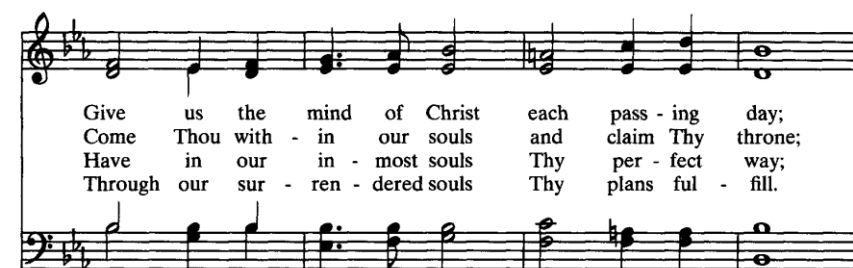
to You, Of-fering up our - selves in praise; Thank-ful
la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with
shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing,



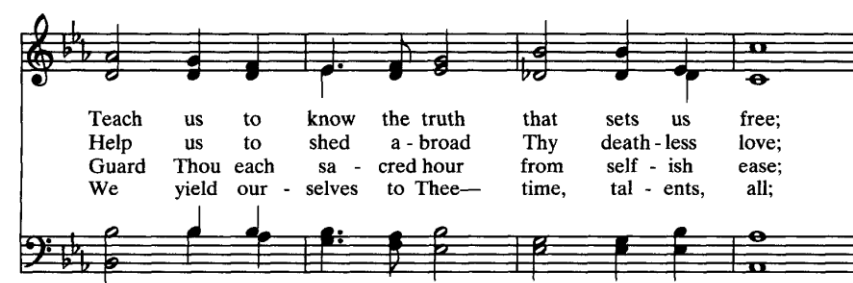
song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra-cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv-ing You by lov - ing all.



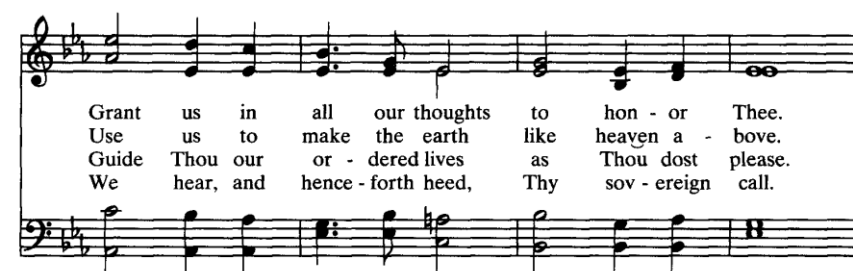
1. Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
2. Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
3. Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
4. Take Thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



Give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
Come Thou with - in our souls and claim Thy throne;
Have in our in - most souls Thy per - fect way;
Through our sur - ren - dered souls Thy plans ful - fill.



Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Help us to shed a - broad Thy death - less love;
Guard Thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
We yield our - selves to Thee— time, tal - ents, all;



Grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or Thee.
Use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
Guide Thou our or - dered lives as Thou dost please.
We hear, and hence - forth heed, Thy sov - ereign call.