



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 September 15, 2024 ~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather in the Name of the Triune God

PRELUDE "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" J. G. Walther, J. S. Bach
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT & POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: The commandments of the LORD are clear, enlightening the eyes.

Leader: For the LORD is good, his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let us worship God!

+HYMN #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON
 (+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

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

Almighty God, you have called out to your disciples foretelling to them what must be, not just for you but for all of us.

We confess that our tongues have the power to praise, yet we too often use them to condemn.

We do not listen well to your glorious law that is shared for the good of all.

**Have mercy on us, O God.
 Transform our lives by hearing your Call of Wisdom,
 and fill us with a desire to be your faithful people,
 doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY "From All That Dwell below the Skies" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**From all that dwell below the skies,
 Let the Creator's praise arise—Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
 And praise the Spirit every tongue,
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

(You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 1:20-33 Wisdom speaks.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

James 3:1-12 On taming the tongue
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM "I Will Sing Unto the Lord" Jamie Killion & Joseph M. Martin

Mark 8:27-38 You are the Christ/Passion Prediction.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Are You Listening?"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #454

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LIEBSTER JESU

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Excerpted and adapted from the “The Theological Declaration of Barmen”)

We affirm that Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church’s vocation as well.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State.

We invite all who are able to accept this declaration to be mindful of these theological principles in their decisions in church politics. We entreat all whom it concerns to return to the unity of faith, love, and hope.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Traditional, p. 16)

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

Quentin Thomas

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+A DOXOLOGY#593

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Avery & Marsh

We Go Out to Serve in the World

+HYMN #339

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

September 15, 2024 ~ 17th 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

Stone Presbyterian Church
PO Box 33, 8 South Park Row
Clinton, New York 13323
315-853-2933
stonepres@stonepres.org

Scott Leonard, Commissioned Pastor
G. Roberts Kolb, Director of Music
Gerald G. Platz, Pastor Emeritus
Janice LeFrois, Office Administrator
Lee Kelso, Sexton

www.stonepres.org ~ www.facebook.com/stonepres
www.instagram.com/stonepresbyterian/

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Tune: NETTLETON, opposite.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word 454

LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your word We are gath - ered
2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3. Glo - rious Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from

all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our ears and heart,

Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teach - ings
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry that

true and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us, You must work all good with - in us.
we are rais - ing; Hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

Ancient Irish poem
 Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.