



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 September 29, 2024 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather in the Name of the One Who Came to Serve

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" Henry J. Markworth
 Richard Shephard
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT AND POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 124)

The LORD is on our side.
He is with us in times of trouble.
 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.
Blessed be the LORD who has sheltered and protected us.
 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN #293 "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA
(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon on the throne;
 Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
 Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless King throughout all eternity.

+ THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

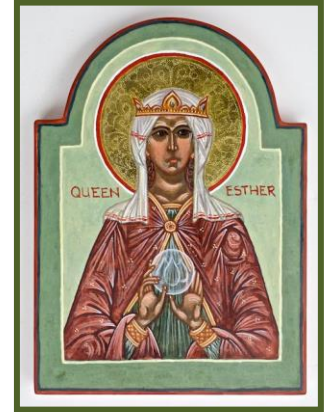
LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Esther speaks up for her people.

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

James 5:13-20 Pray for the sick

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



ANTHEM "What Does the Lord Require"? Eric Nelson

Mark 9:38-50 Do not stop those doing good in my name

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

SERMON "Step Up"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Excerpted and adapted from the "Confession of Belhar," Presbyterian Church (USA))

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.
We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.
We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, p. 16)
(in response to "Lord, in your mercy," please say, "hear our prayer.")

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "In Christ There Is No East Or West" Paul Bouman

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen (7 times).**

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN #319 "Spirit" SPIRIT

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress" J. G . Walther

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
September 29, 2024 ~ 19th 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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This Is My Father's World

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TERRA BEATA SMD

Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901
Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Harm. 1953 for *The Hymnbook*; alt. 1988

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world: Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

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GOD

Lamentations 3:22-23

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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Spirit

James K. Manley, 1975

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D G A D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, Blow through the

Bm E A D G

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free, Spir - it,

A D Bm G

spir - it of rest - less - ness, Stir me from plac - id-ness, Wind,

A D G D

wind on the sea.

D G A G

1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the
 2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the
 3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a
 4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient

D Bm

deep, Then You coaxed up the moun - tains From the
 sand, And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a
 hill, Then You whis - pered in si - lence When the
 schemes, From the bond - age of sor - row The

E A D G

val - leys of sleep, And o - ver the e -
 law and a land, And when they were blind -
 whole world was still, And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons You called to each thing, "A -
 ed With their i - dols and lies, Then You
 y You called once a - gain When You
 sions, Our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers And
 spoke through Your proph - ets To
 blew through Your peo - ple On the
 bold new de - ci - sions Your

A D G/A D A D.C. al Fine

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

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