



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 20, 2024 ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost



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

PRELUDE "Old 100th" Richard Lloyd
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT & POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 91)

Oh Lord, you are our refuge. We call upon you in times of trouble.
Oh Lord, you are our dwelling place.
 You give your angels charge over us and guard us in all our ways.
Oh Lord, you are our dwelling place.
 We set our love upon you, and you deliver us.
Oh Lord, you are our dwelling place.
 You, oh Lord, are with us in times of trouble. You deliver us and honor us with life.
 You show us your salvation. Oh Lord, you are our dwelling place.
Let us worship the Lord our God!

+HYMN #483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART
(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(first together, then in silent reflection)

Eternal God, we come here today to step away from the routine of everyday life and to reconnect with the wonders of your grace. We want harmony with you; we want peace of mind; we want health of body...and so we pray. Forgive us, Lord, for even in so doing, we have made you the means, and ourselves the end. Give us eyes to see past our self-concern, and to set our love upon you.

Help us to understand what it means when we say that you are our dwelling place. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 53:4-12 *All we like sheep have gone astray.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 5:1-10 *Christ is a humble, sympathetic high priest.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM "On Eagles' Wings" Michael Joncas

Mark 10:35-45 *James and John request the best seats.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God. Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON "JESUS – The Christ and The Liberator" The Rev. LaDana Clark

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #85 "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

Adapted from the "Confession of 1967," *Book of Confessions*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.

In his reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary.

The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.

Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – STEWARDSHIP (TIME)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional, p. 16)

OFFERTORY “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” Charles Callahan
+A DOXOLOGY #593 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Avery and Marsh

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN #372 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
October 20, 2024 ~ 22nd 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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