



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
September 14, 2025 ~ The 14th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE "St. Denio" John Jordan
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions; rock of faith and vault of grace;
All are welcome!
Here the love of all shall end divisions:
All are welcome!
All are welcome in this place!
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God!

+HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO
(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

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

Gracious God: We confess our sin to one another and to you.
We often think of ourselves as deserving more than we have.
We sometimes count ourselves among the righteous.
We forget that it is by your grace that we are made whole.
We forget that forgiveness is to be our way of life
because we have so freely been forgiven.
Help us be a people changed, a people different,
a people set apart for love and service.
Let us not grumble and complain, but rejoice at being found, saved,
and made whole for service to you and to others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN #2275 "Kyrie"
(“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.”)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #578 "Glory Be to the Father" OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+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

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 *The hot wind of God's judgment blows.*
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 *Paul expresses gratitude for God's great mercy.*
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Heavens Are Telling" Ludwig van Beethoven

Luke 15:1-10 *Parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.*
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Blowin' in the Wind"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #409 "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" ABERYSTWYTH



+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (**together**) (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PC(USA))

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying "Come, Lord Jesus!"!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Triplum on "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"" Charles
Callahan

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Live and Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN #298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

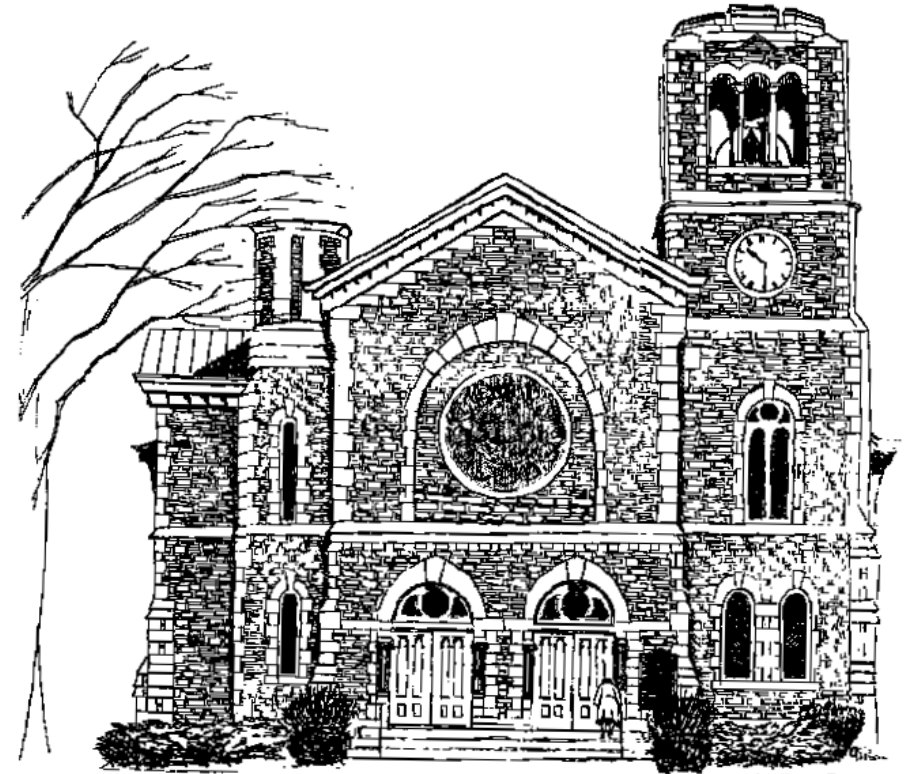
+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

September 14, 2025 ~ 14th 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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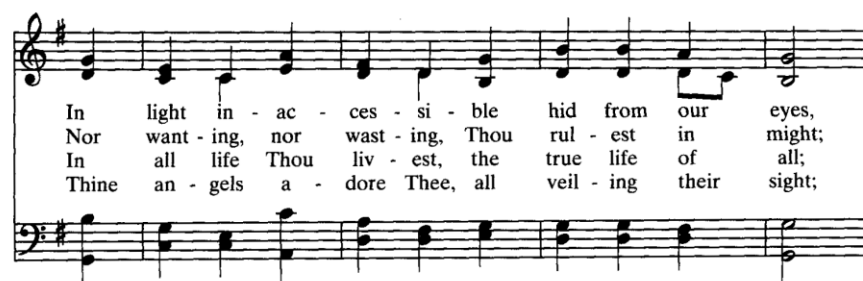
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Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

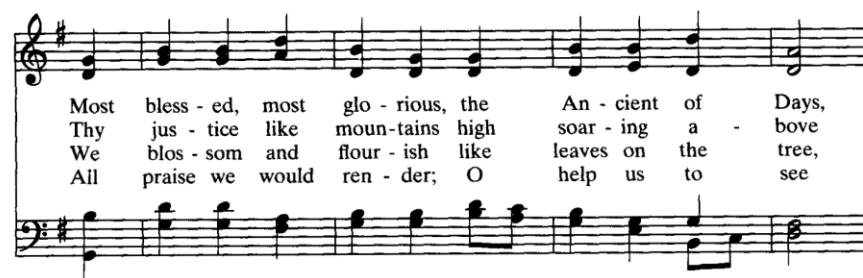
Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839



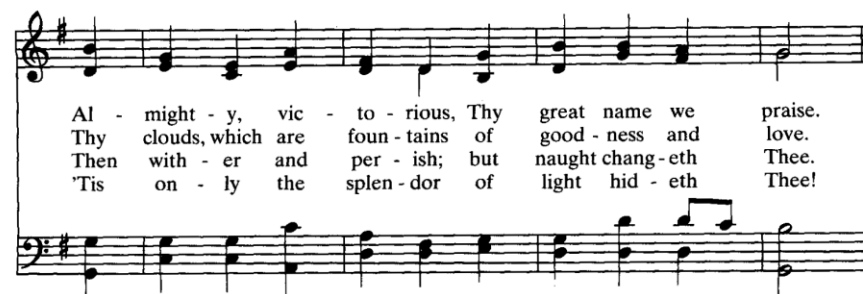
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

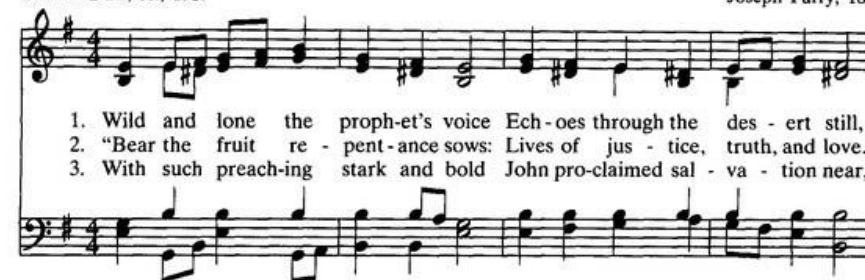
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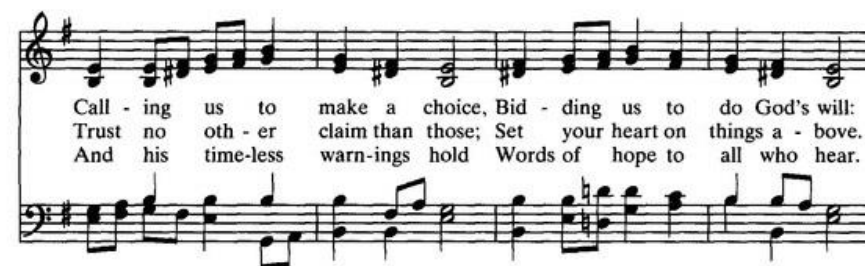
LIFE IN CHRIST

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

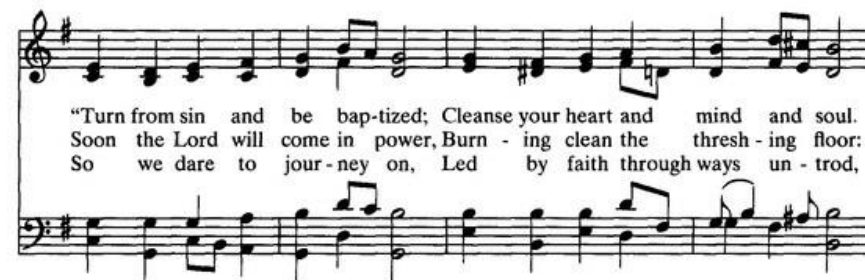
Joseph Parry, 1879



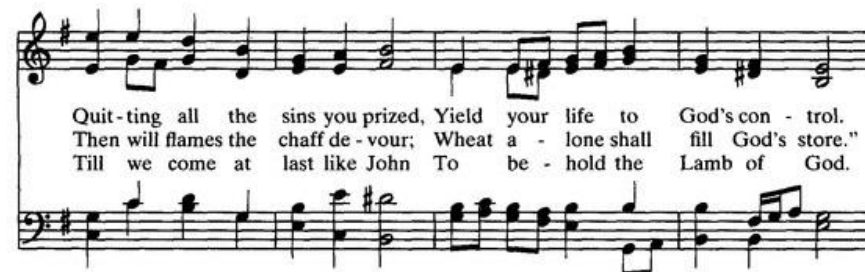
1. Wild and lone the proph-et's voice Ech - oes through the des - ert still,
2. "Bear the fruit re - pent - ance sows: Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
3. With such preach - ing stark and bold John pro - claimed sal - va - tion near,



Call - ing us to make a choice, Bid - ding us to do God's will:
Trust no oth - er claim than those; Set your heart on things a - bove.
And his time - less warn - ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap - tized; Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Soon the Lord will come in power, Burn - ing clean the thresh - ing floor:
So we dare to jour - ney on, Led by faith through ways un - trod,



Quit - ting all the sins you prized, Yield your life to God's con - trol.
Then will flames the chaff de - vour; Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
Till we come at last like John To be - hold the Lamb of God.

This tune in a lower key, 20

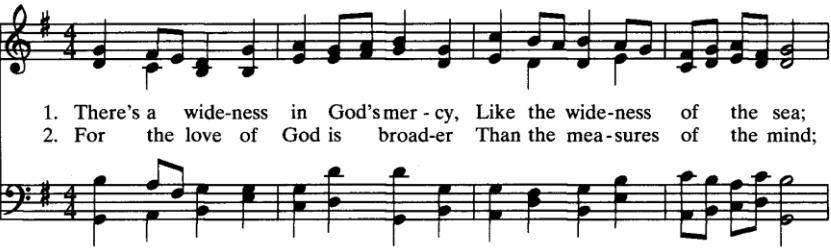
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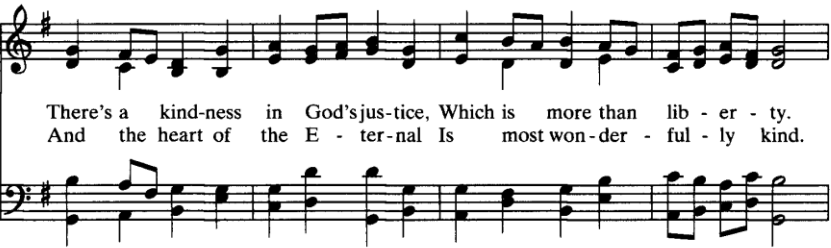
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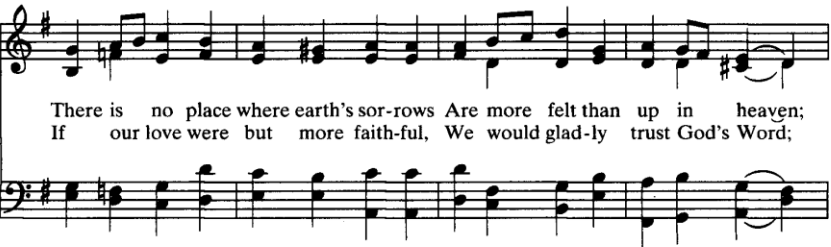
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt. Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855–1933)



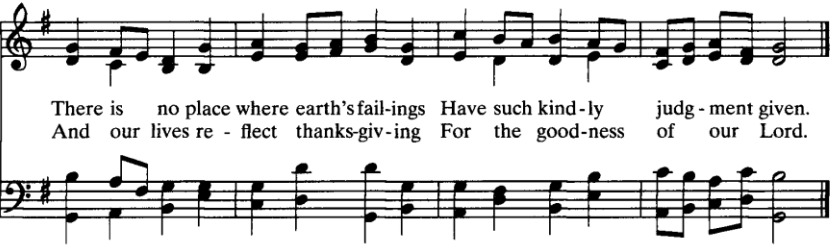
1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.