



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
October 19, 2025 - The 19th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE **“Suite in B-flat Major: Allemande”** G. F. Handel
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life,
**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time
on and forevermore!”**
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN #460 **“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**
(+Those who are able may stand.) GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

WELCOME

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

**We confess to one another and to you our lethargy, our timid faith,
our propensity to seek the quick fix and the easy way out,
our willingness to let others do the work to which you call us.
We are quick to level blame and slow to forgive,
rushing to judgment but resisting being judged.
We often dare not look inside ourselves to face our sin
but look instead at others' faults and shortcomings.**

Forgive us, we pray.
Take away our rationalizations and self-justifications.
Help us face up to ourselves in honesty, sincerity and simplicity, that
our transformed lives may honor you and show your love to a
world in need of love and mercy; in the name Christ Jesus we pray.
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.”)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:27–34 *A new covenant written on the hearts.*
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 *Be steadfast in what you have learned.*
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM **“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”** Gordon Young

Luke 18:1–8 *A persistent widow challenges an unrighteous judge.*
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON **Operation: Spread Love** Rev. LaDana Clark

We Respond in Faith & Thanksgiving

+HYMN #282 **“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”**
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT



+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (together) (Based on II Timothy 3:14 – 4:2)
Let us continue in what we have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom we learned it, and how from childhood we have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct us for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, let us resolve to proclaim the message, to be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable, to convince, rebuke, and encourage one another with the utmost patience in teaching. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

MINUTE MISSION – STEWARDSHIP (TALENT)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)
“debts/debtors”

+ CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY “Sarabande” G. F. Handel

+A DOXOLOGY 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!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

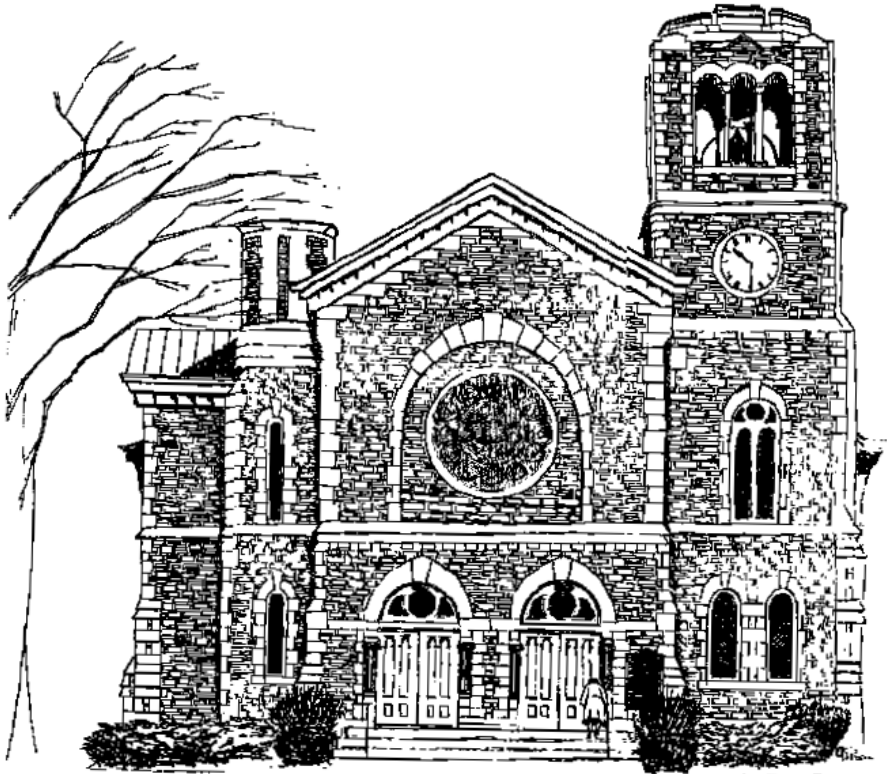
We Go Out to Serve

+HYMN#523 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” BETHANY

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE “Gigue” G. F. Handel

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
October 19, 2025 ~ 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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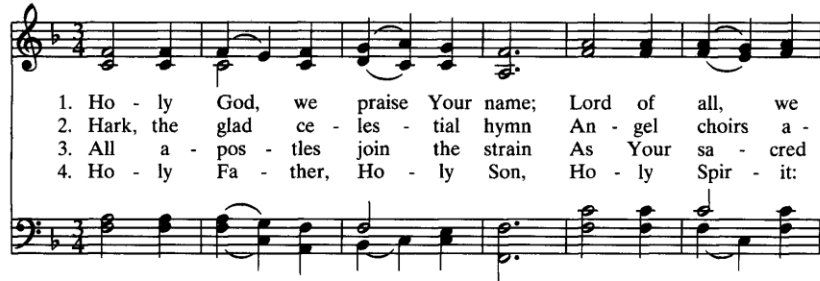
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Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774

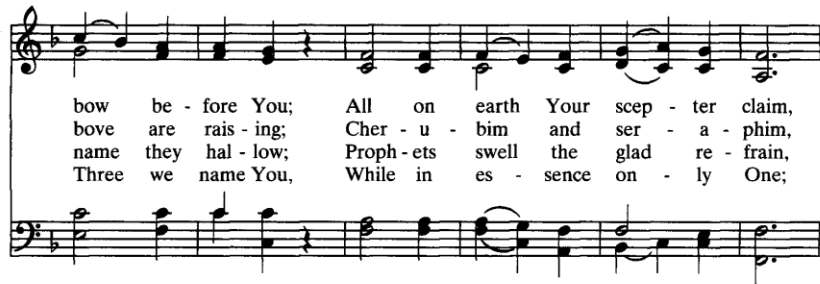
Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774

Trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858; alt.

Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819



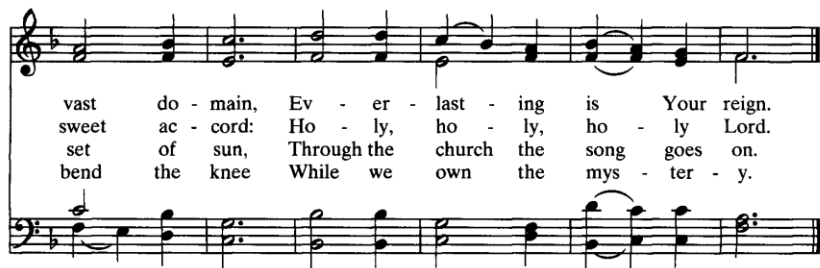
1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we
2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3. All a - pos - tles join the strain As Your sa - cred
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore You; All on earth Your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
Three we name You, While in es - sence on - ly One;



All in heaven a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heavens with
And the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, And a - dor - ing



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

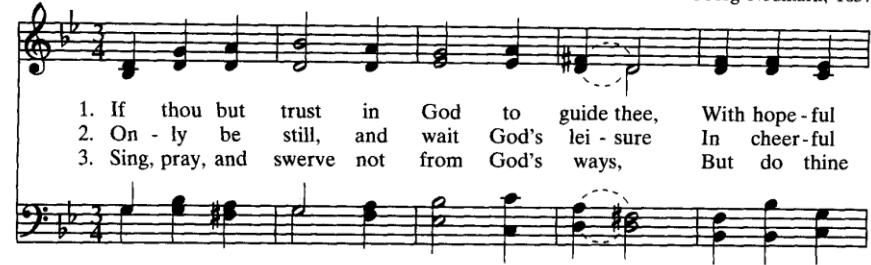
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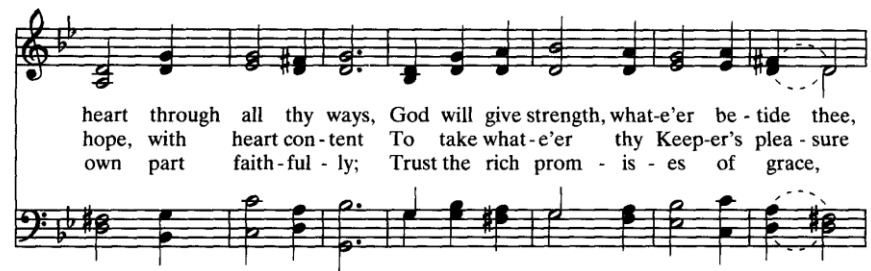
Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

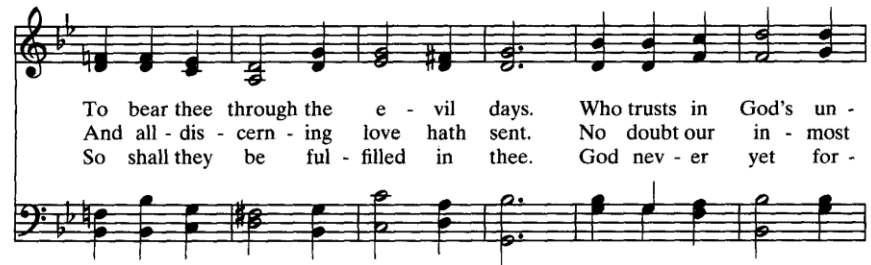
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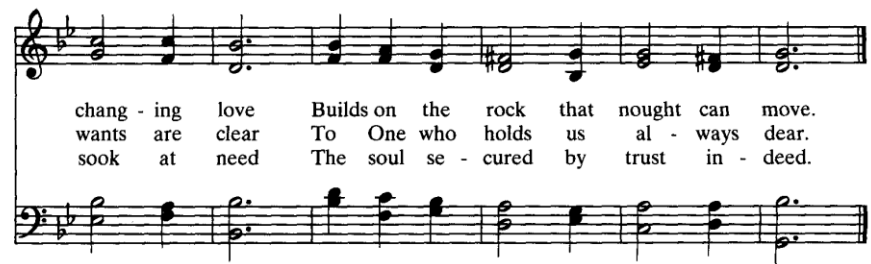
1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope - ful
2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer - ful
3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,
hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Keep-er's plea - sure
own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,



To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most
So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -



chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.
wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.
sook at need The soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

523 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

BETHANY (Smart) 8.7.8.7 D

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. God the Spir - it, guide and guard-ian, Wind - sped flame and
2. Christ our Sav - ior, Sov - ereign, Shep-herd, Word made flesh, Love
3. Great Cre - a - tor, Life - be - stow - er, Truth be - yond all
4. Tri - une God, mys - ter - ious Be - ing, Un - di - vid - ed

hov - ering dove, Breath of life and voice of proph-ets, Sign of
cru - ci - fied, Teach-er, heal-er, suf - fering Ser - vant, Friend of
thought's re - call, Fount of wis-dom, womb of mer - cy, Giv - ing
and di - verse, Deep-er than our minds can fath-om, Great-er

bless-ing, power of love: Give to those who lead Your peo - ple
sin - ners, foe of pride: In Your tend - ing may all *pas - tors
and for - giv - ing all: As You know our strength and weak-ness,
than our creeds re - hearse: Help us in our var - ied call - ings

Fresh a - noint - ing of Your grace; Send them forth as
Learn and live a Shep-herd's care; Grant them cour - age
So may those the church ex - alts; O - ver - see her
Your full im - age to pro - claim, That our min - is -

*Or "elders" or "deacons."

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ORDINATION AND CONFIRMATION

bold a - pos - tles To Your church in ev - ery place.
and com - pas - sion Shown through word and deed and prayer.
life stead - fast - ly, Yet not o - ver - look her faults.
tries u - nit - ing May give glo - ry to Your name.