



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
November 16, 2025 ~ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE **“Herr Jesu Christ”** Johann Gottfried Walther
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER AND CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 12 and Psalm 118:1)

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;

He has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation!

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

Make known his deeds among the nations;

Proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

Let this be known in all the earth!

Shout aloud and sing for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship God.



+HYMN #247 **“I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart”** HERR JESU CHRIST
(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

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

O God, we listen to the news, we look around at our world and its people.

We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere,

yet despair of ever stopping them.

We see oppression and injustice and persecution,

but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest.

We have become a pessimistic people.

**Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kingdom,
in your promise of a new heaven and new earth.**

Let your words be our song of praise:

“No more shall the sound of weeping be heard, or the cry of distress.”

We believe, O holy God! Help our unbelief. 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

Isaiah 65:17-25 A vision of God's new creation.

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

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13 Do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

ANTHEM

“i thank You God” (ee cummings)

Lloyd Pfautsch

Luke 21:5-19 The destruction of the temple is foretold.

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

SERMON

“Good Times”

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #369

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I'M GONNA LIVE



+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

New life in Christ takes shape in his community of faith, the church,
in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of who we are.
Therefore, we can accept ourselves and love others,
knowing that we have no other ground
on which to stand than the grace of God.
This new life does not release us from conflict
with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear.
We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.
Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness
in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer,
bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that our new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.
(from "The Confession of 1967," Presbyterian Church USA)

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

Rosalie Wadsworth

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Pastel on 'Steal Away to Jesus'" Charles Callahan

+A DOXOLOGY #593 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Avery & March

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (together)

O God, we long to make a difference in our world.
We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams;
our witness to your saving acts of love and justice;
our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst.
We offer you our very lives, that we may be coworkers with you
to bring about true change. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+ HYMN #522 "Lord, When I Came Into This Life" LAND OF REST

+ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL RESPONSE

+ POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

November 16, 2025 ~ 23rd 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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PSALM 138

I Will Give Thanks with My Whole Heart 247

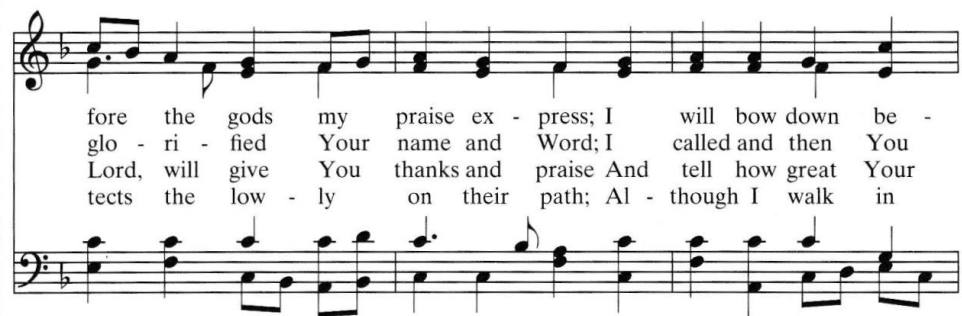
HERR JESU CHRIST LM

Christopher L. Webber, 1986, 1988

Cantionale Germanicum, 1628
Arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, c. 1708



1. I will give thanks with my whole heart, Be -
2. A - bove all things, O Lord, my God, You
3. All kings on earth who hear Your words, O
4. The Lord is high, yet scorns the proud, Pro -



fore the gods my praise ex - press; I will bow down be -
glo - ri - fied Your name and Word; I called and then You
Lord, will give You thanks and praise And tell how great Your
fects the low - ly on their path; Al - though I walk in



fore Your throne And praise Your love and faith - ful - ness.
an - swered me And gave me in - creased strength, O Lord.
glo - ry is, And they will sing of all Your ways.
trou - ble, Lord, You keep me safe from my foe's wrath.

5. Lord, Your right hand shall save my life
And make Your purpose for me sure;
Do not forsake what You have made;
Your love forever will endure.

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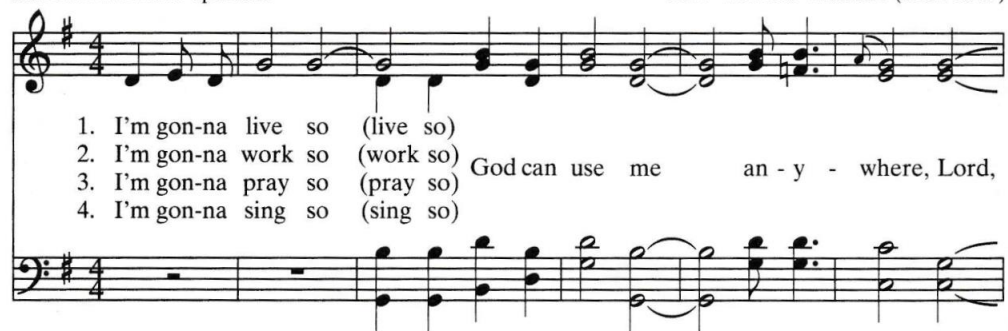
LIFE IN CHRIST

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I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

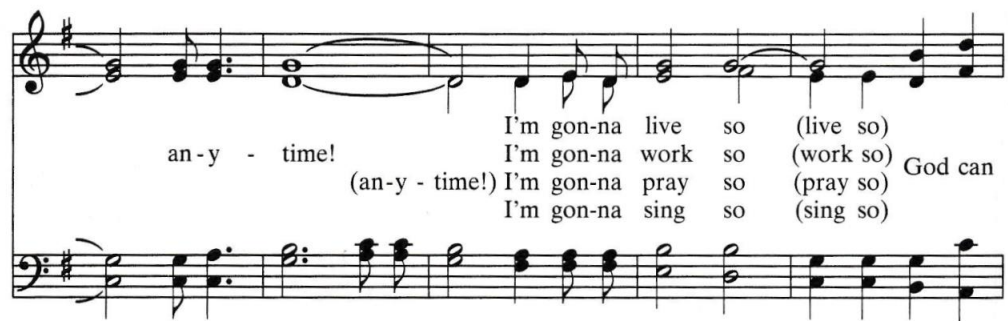
African-American spiritual

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Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)



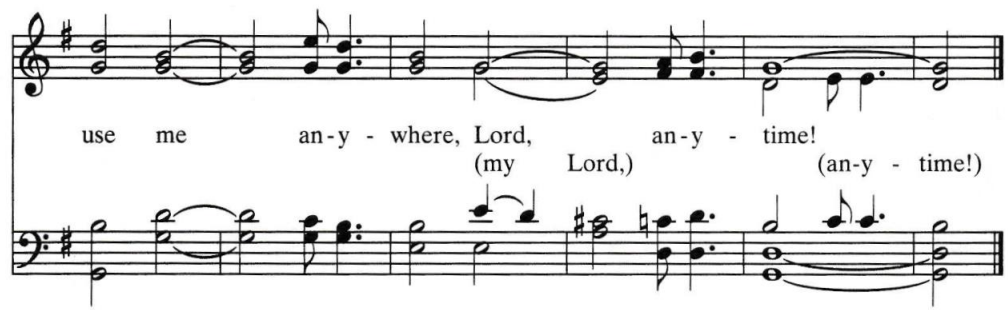
1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y - where, Lord,



an - y - time! I'm gon-na live so (live so)
I'm gon-na work so (work so)
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can



use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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Lord, When I Came Into This Life 522

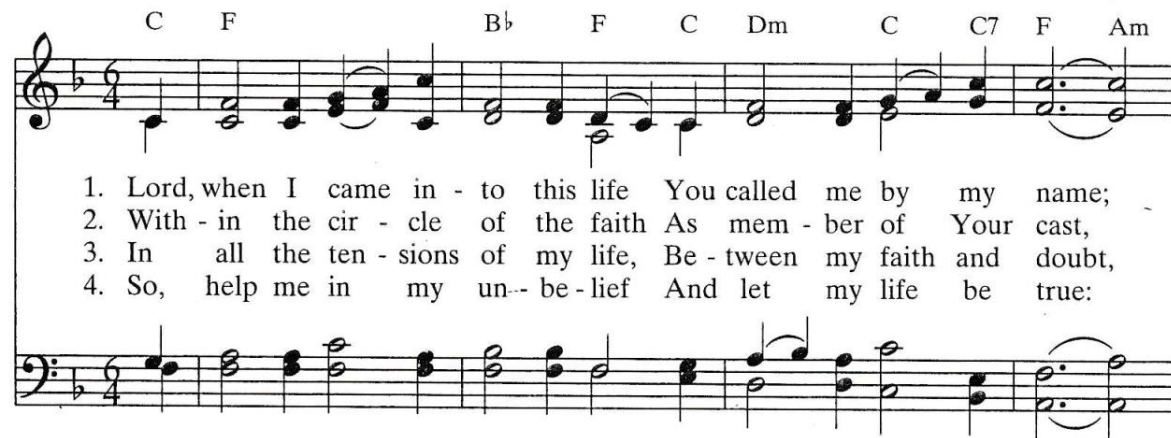
Fred Kaan, 1976

LAND OF REST CM

American folk melody

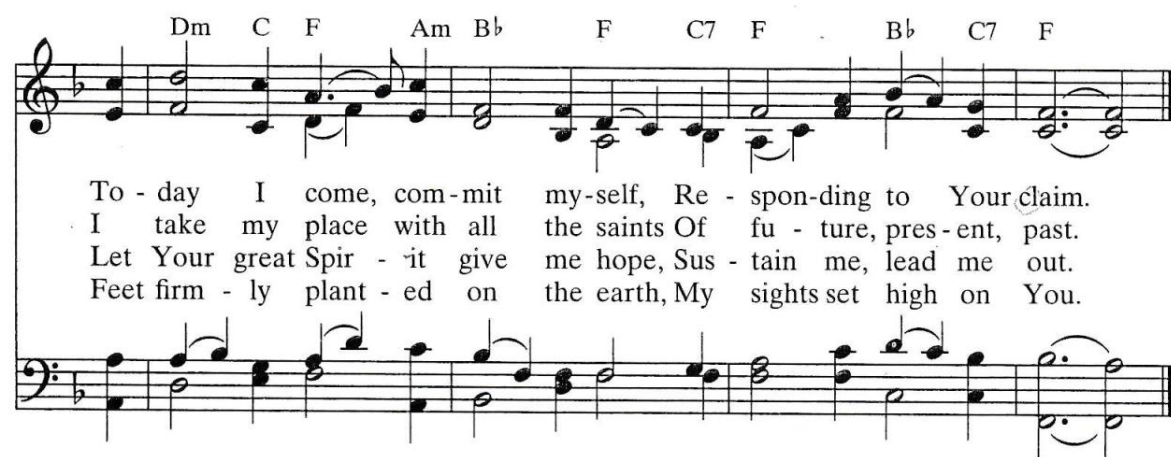
Arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

C F B♭ F C Dm C C7 F Am



1. Lord, when I came in - to this life You called me by my name;
 2. With - in the cir - cle of the faith As mem - ber of Your cast,
 3. In all the ten - sions of my life, Be - tween my faith and doubt,
 4. So, help me in my un-- be - lief And let my life be true:

Dm C F Am B♭ F C7 F B♭ C7 F



To - day I come, com-mit my-self, Re - spon-ding to Your claim.
 I take my place with all the saints Of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
 Let Your great Spir - it give me hope, Sus - tain me, lead me out.
 Feet firm - ly plant - ed on the earth, My sights set high on You.

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