

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #368

“I've Got Peace Like a River”

African-American spiritual

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on the Prologue to the Gospel of John)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made.

What was made in him was life, and the life was the light of humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not been able to overcome it.

The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own home, and his own people did not receive him. But to those who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory, glory as from the only Son of the Father.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER

“debts/debtors”

(Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

“From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come”

J. G. Walther

+A DOXOLOGY

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Joy of Emmanuel

+HYMN 15

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

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+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
December 14, 2025 ~ The Third Sunday of Advent ~ 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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"Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending"
ODE TO JOY

Charles Wesley, 1758 ~ Adapted, Dennis Dewey 2008

1. Jesus comes with clouds descending, Lamb of God for sinners slain!
Thousands of the saints attending join to sing this glad refrain:
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the— Lord who comes again!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign!

2. Yes! Amen! Let all adore you, seated on your gracious throne;
Crowns and rulers bow before you, worship you as Lord alone.
Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus, let your grace and pow'r be shown!
Come, Lord Jesus, come to help us; come to heal and save your own!

3. We who saw you crucified and lifted up upon the tree
Now with our own eyes behold you, robed in awesome majesty,
There upon the clouds of heaven we our true Messiah see,
Bringing justice, peace and mercy, joy in setting captives free!

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bass voice. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1
riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in - a my
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my

2
soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain in - a my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.

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Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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Laurentius Laurenti, 1700
 Trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854
 Alt. *The Hymnal 1982*

Welsh folk melody
 Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865
 As in *English Hymnal*, 1906



1. Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, Re - plen-ish them with oil;
 3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing And dark - er night is near.
 Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.
 A - rise, Thou sun so longed for, A - bove this sha-dowed sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon He will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion, At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry, The Bride-groom is at hand!
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with Thee!

