



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
January 25, 2026 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE **“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”** Rudolf Moser
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

I asked to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

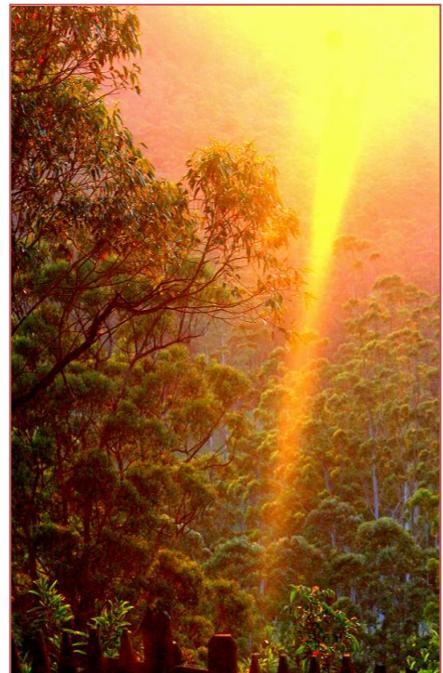
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us rejoice in our calling to worship and service.

+HYMN #487 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI
(+Those who are able may stand.)



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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

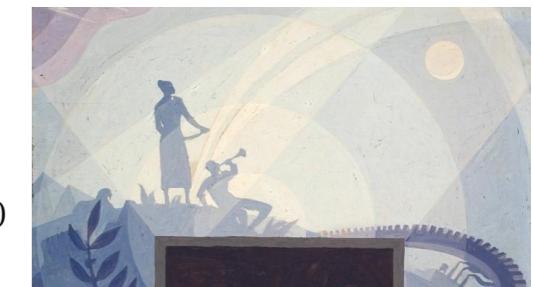
+A DOXOLOGY #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

+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 9:1-4 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Paul urges church unity.
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4:12-23 Jesus calls fishermen to be his disciples.
The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, TEAMS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE SESSION'S BUDGET FOR 2026

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NEW BUSINESS

SERMON

“Good Tidings We Bring”

We Respond in Faith and Thanksgiving

+HYMN #344

“Christ of the Upward Way”

SURSUM CORDA

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Purpose of Stone Church

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

“debts/debtors” (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

(A Bidding Prayer: When you hear “Lord, in your mercy” respond with “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERTORY

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Charles Callahan

+A DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN #419

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

REPTON

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 25, 2026 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany ~ 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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When Morning Gilds the Skies

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LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6 D

German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

Joseph Barnby, 1868

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Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA (Lomas) 6.4.6.4.10.10

Walter John Mathams, c. 1915; alt.

George Lomas, 1876

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 419

REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6

Fred Pratt Green, 1981

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The top two staves are soprano voices, and the bottom two are bass voices. The music is set in a hymn-like style with eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staves.

1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
 3. We mark Your saints, how they be - came In hin-dranc-es more sure,
 4. In what You give us, Lord, to do, To - geth-er or a - lone,

To live ac-cord-ing to Your word, And dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,
 If world-ly pres-sures fray the mind And love it - self can-not un - wind
 Whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name,
 In old rou-tines or ven-tures new, May we not cease to look to You—

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your power to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.