



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation**  
**February 1, 2026 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**



**We Gather as the Community of Faith**

**PRELUDE** "Praeludium in C" J. S. Bach  
*(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 15)  
 O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**  
 Who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
**Who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt.**  
 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.  
**Let us rejoice in our calling to worship and service.**

+ **HYMN #405** "What Does the Lord Require"  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

**WELCOME**

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

SHARPTHORNE



**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
 too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
 We have not sought your justice.  
 We have not loved mercy.  
 We have walked away from you.  
 Forgive all that of which we are ashamed,  
 and which our hearts find hard to bear.  
 Set us free from a past that we cannot change.  
 Open to us a future in which we can be changed,  
 and grant us grace to grow more and more  
 in your likeness and image in which we are made;  
 through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 ILLUMINATION**  
 (You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

***Micah 6:1-8 – What does the Lord require of us?***  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

***1 Corinthians 1:18-31 – Christ, the power and wisdom of God.***  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "What Does the Lord Require of You" Jim Strathee

***Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes.***  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Too Clever By Half"

**We Respond to the World in Faithful Thanksgiving**

+ **HYMN #408** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version, p. 14)

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS**

**OFFERTORY** "Menuett in F" J. S. Bach

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

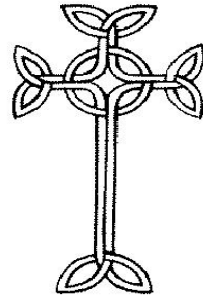
**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**  
 The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



... we join with all the faithful to sing the eternal song of praise:

SINGING (sung to O STORE GUD)

Almighty God, O Holy, Holy, Holy,  
By all the heav'ns and earth alike adored,  
Your holy glory shows throughout the wide world,  
As all creation sings with one accord:  
Hosanna in the highest to the Lord,  
And blessings on the coming one!  
Hosanna, high hosanna now we raise,  
And offer you all thanks and praise!!



... we announce to the world the story of our faith:

SINGING (sung to O STORE GUD)

The Lord of Life came here to walk among us,  
And gave his life for those he held most dear,  
And on the third day rose again in glory.  
And he will come to wipe away each tear:  
A light for revelation to the world,  
the glory of your Israel;  
A light for revelation to the world.  
the glory of your Israel!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

*(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and partake the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ**

+HYMN #429      "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"      ABBOT'S LEIGH

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

## STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

February 1, 2026 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 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.*

**All the People, Ministers**

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## What Does the Lord Require

SHARPTHORNE 6.6.6.6.33.6

Albert F. Bayly, 1949, 1982

Erik Routley, 1968

1. What does the Lord re - quire For praise and of - fer - ing?  
 2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice know?  
 3. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?

What sac - ri - fice de - sire, Or trib - ute bid you  
 Will God your plead - ing hear, While crime and cruel - ty  
 Let Christ en - due our will With grace to for - ti -

bring? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; Walk  
 grow? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; Walk  
 fy. Then just - ly, in mer - cy, We'll

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hum - bly with your God.  
 hum - bly with your God. hum - bly walk with God.

## 408 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY LM

Attr. Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)  
 Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Frank Mason North, 1905; alt.

1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the  
 2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed  
 3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man  
 4. The cup of wa - ter given for Thee Still holds the

cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of  
 thresh - olds fraught with fears, From paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of Thy grace; Yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of Thy tears.  
 sor - row's stress, Thy heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to see The sweet com - pas - sion of Thy face.

5. O Master, from the mountainside,  
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 Among these restless throngs abide,  
 O tread the city's streets again;
6. Till all the world shall learn Thy love,  
 And follow where Thy feet have trod;  
 Till glorious from Thy heaven above  
 Shall come the city of our God.

429 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Jeffery W. Rowthorn, 1978

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-  
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis-sion, And the  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, Life a -  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly  
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea-sure All that

gos - pel go un - heard, Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose  
bun - dant meant for each, Give us all new fer - vor, draw us  
lift life heav - en - ward, Ask - ing that the world a - round us  
you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy lead us

With re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;  
Clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty; With the Spir - it's  
Share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;  
To a just so - ci - e - ty;

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CHURCH: MISSION

gifts em - power us For the work of min - is - try.

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5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
May we serve as you intend,
- And, amid the cares that claim us,  
Hold in mind eternity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.