



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 April 19, 2026 ~ The Third Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Greet the Risen Lord

PRELUDE "Our Lord is Risen from the Dead" J. G. Walther
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT AND POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)

Praise the Lord, all you people! Give thanks to the Lord, for
 He is good and His love endures forever.

**We come before You today, O Lord, with grateful
 hearts and joyous spirits.**

We lift our voices in worship and adoration, for You have
 heard our cries and answered our prayers.

**You have rescued us from the depths of despair
 and lifted us up with Your grace and mercy.**

Let us worship the Lord with all our hearts and souls, for He
 is the source of all goodness and joy.

**Praise be to the Lord, who has heard our prayers and answered our
 call. Amen.**



+HYMN #2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" BEACH SPRING
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF PRAISE *(Please remain standing.)*

**Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son
 you overcame the old order of sin and death
 to make all things new in him.**

**Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead
 may be raised from the death of sin
 to the life of righteousness,
 through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+HYMN #2162 "Grace Alone" GRACE ALONE

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
 (You are invited to say the "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *Peter invites everyone to repent and be baptized.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 1:17-23 *You have been ransomed by Christ and born anew.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Gordon Young

Luke 24:13-35 *Jesus meets disciples on the road to Emmaus.*
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God. Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON "Asking For Help" Helen Tracy

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #507 "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" (Ecumenical Version)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**



I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)
"debts/debtors"

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Arise Is the Holy Christ" J. G. Walther

+A DOXOLOGY#592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
OLD HUNDREDTH

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Hope of the Resurrection

+HYMN #2236 "Gather Us In" GATHER US IN

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

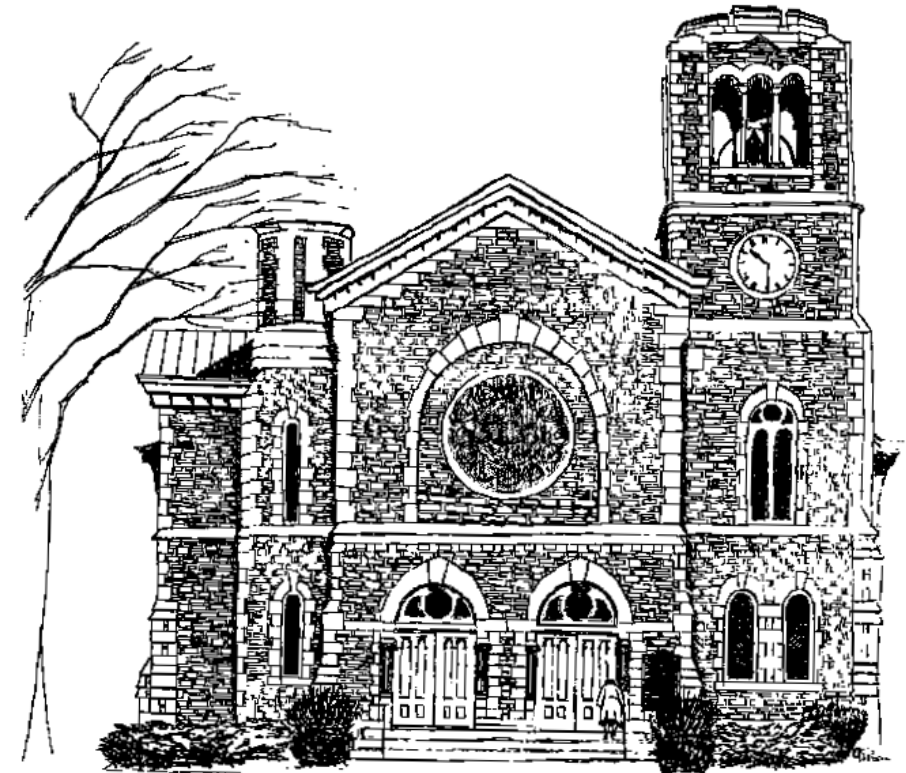
+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

April 19, 2026 ~ The Third Sunday of Easter ~ 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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