



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 April 26, 2026 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Greet the Risen Lord

PRELUDE "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" Alec Wyton
 (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 23)
 The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.
**He makes us lie down in green pastures and
 leads us beside still waters.**
 Even in the valley of darkness, he is with us.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days.
 Let us worship the Good Shepherd!



+HYMN #119 "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF PRAISE (together)
 God of all power,
 you called again from death our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the great shepherd of the sheep,
 and gave him life to defeat death and sin.
 We praise you for this good news,
 that the Good Shepherd still rescues the lost, heals the wounded,
 and feeds our hungry hearts.
 All praise be to you, Gracious God,
 through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.

+HYMN #454 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LIEBSTER JESU

+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 2:42-47 The new church
 grows through prayer and fellowship.**
 The Word of the Lord.
 / Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 2:19-25 To suffer for what is right is to be like Christ.
 The Word of the Lord.
 / Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Virgil Thompson

John 10:1-10 Jesus is the good shepherd.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Going Astray"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

HYMN #175 "The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need" EVAN

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

This is the good news which we have received,
 in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
 that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
 and that he appeared to many faithful witnesses.
 We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
 the first and the last, the beginning and the end,
 our Lord and our God. Amen.
 (I Corinthians 15:3-8, Revelation 21:6; John 20:8)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16; "debts" and "debtors")

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Blessed Jesus at Your Word" J. G. Walther

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

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, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Joy of the Resurrection

+HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employee" LINSTEAD

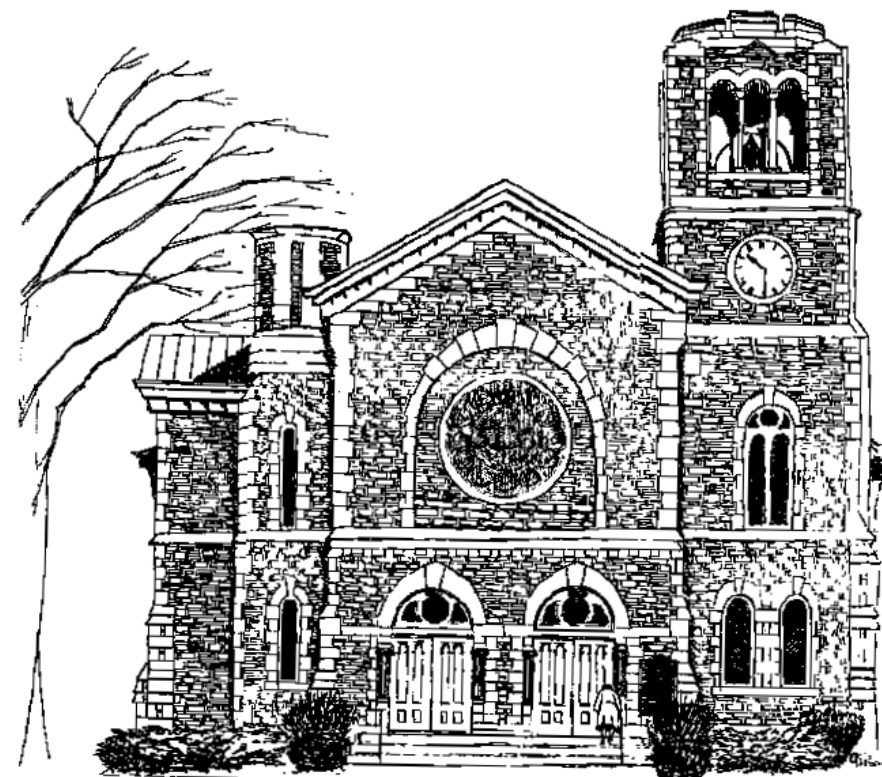
+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

April 26, 2026 ~ The Fourth 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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The Strife Is O'er

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VICTORY 8.8.8 with alleluias

Latin, c. 1695
Trans. Francis Pott, 1861

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1591
Adapt. William Henry Monk, 1861

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, The vic - to -
2. The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their
3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es
4. Lord, by Your wounds on Cal - va - ry From death's dread

ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph
le - gions hath dis - persed: Let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our
sting Your ser - vants free, That we may live e -

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your word We are gath - ered
2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3. Glo - rious Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from

all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our ears and heart,

Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teach - ings
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry that

true and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us, You must work all good with - in us.
we are rais - ing; Hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

PSALM 23

175 The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need

EVAN CM

Christopher L. Webber, 1986; alt.

William Henry Havergal, 1846

1. The Lord's my Shep-herd, all my need Will sure - ly be sup - plied;
 2. The Lord re - vives me, guides my feet On path - ways that are right,
 3. Your rod and staff, they com - fort me; In pres - ence of my foes
 4. Your good - ness and Your mer - cy, Lord, Shall sure - ly fol - low me,

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By qui - et streams and through green fields The Lord will be my guide.
 And I shall fear no e - vil though I walk through dark - est night.
 You feed me; You a - noint my head And my cup o - ver - flows.
 And I will dwell in God's own house For all e - ter - ni - ty.

LORD'S SUPPER

514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD LM with refrain

Fred Kaan, 1975

Jamaican folk melody
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975

1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, Reach - ing out with a
 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, At the ta - ble He
 3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out Bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: Bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 sets the tone, Teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, Gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Refrain

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 Love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

**Maracas and other rhythm instruments may b. used.*

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LORD'S SUPPER

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!