



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 May 10, 2026 ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Greet the Risen Lord

PRELUDE "Our God, Our Help" Stanley Vann
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CHORAL INTROIT AND CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)

CHOIR: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.*

LEADER: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

PEOPLE: **He has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

CHOIR: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.*

LEADER: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

PEOPLE: **I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

CHOIR: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.*

LEADER: Truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

PEOPLE: **Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

CHOIR: *Cry out to God with joy. Alleluia.*

LEADER: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God!**

CHOIR: *Alleluia.*

+HYMN #258 "Praise Ye the Lord"



WELCOME

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 In light inaccessible veiled from our eyes,

Most holy, most glorious and Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
 Unresting, eternal and silent as light,
 You rule with compassion in infinite might,
 Your clouds are like fountains of goodness and love,
 Your justice like mountains that tower above.
 You reign in bright glory, you rule in pure light,
 Your angels surround you with praise in their flight;
 In great "alleluias" our praises are shown,
 To you, who in Jesus the Christ would be known.
 Amen and amen; alleluia, amen!
 Alleluia, again, and amen and amen!

+HYMN #313 "Come Down, O Love Divine" DOWN AMPNEY

+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 17:22-31 Paul tells the Athenians that God has set a time for judgment.

The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

I Peter 3:13-22 Be prepared to tell the good news and endure suffering.

The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "O How Amiable" Ralph Vaughan Williams

John 14:15-21 Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Apologies"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #466

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(from The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16) “debts/debtors”

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

“DUKE STREET”

Charles Callahan

+A DOXOLOGY#593

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Avery & Marsh

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Joy of the Resurrection

+HYMN #278 “Our God, to Whom We Turn” WAS FRAG’ ICH NACH DER WELT

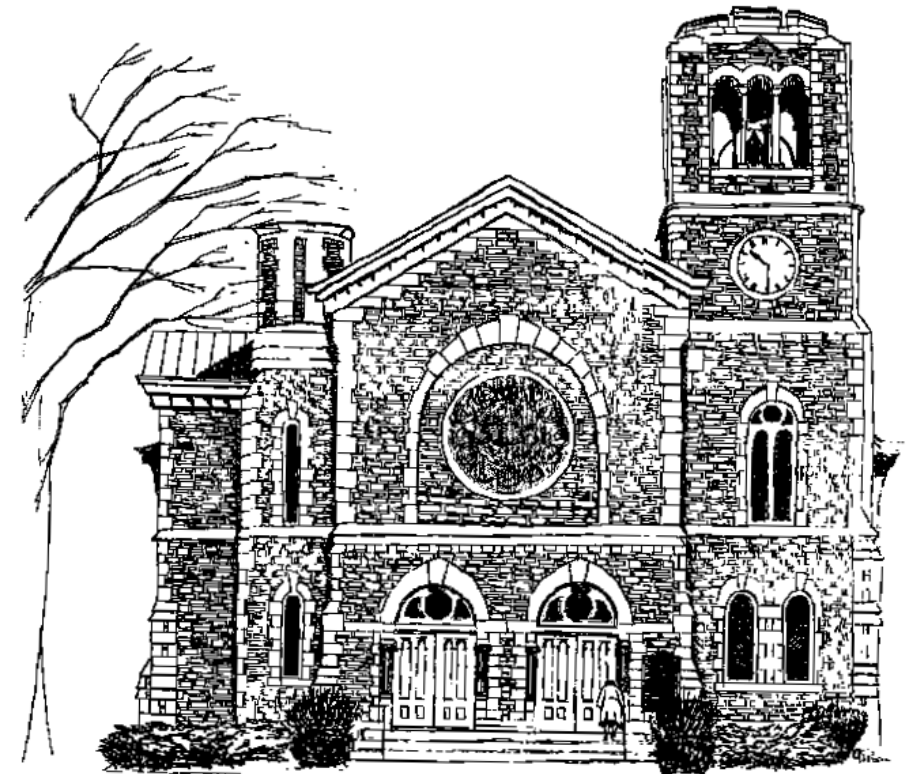
+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

May 10, 2026 ~ The Sixth 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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Praise Ye the Lord

J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

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Refrain E^{\flat} E^{\flat} A^{\flat} (E^{\flat})

Choir or Congregation: Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu - jah!

Fm E^{\flat} (B^{\flat}) $\text{B}^{\flat}7$ E^{\flat} E^{\flat} *Fine*

Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord. Lord.

Omit final time

B $\text{B}13$ F^{\sharp} B

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| 1. Praise God with the sound of the trum - pet, | Praise God with the |
| 2. Praise God with ho - ly cym - bals, | Praise God with |
| 3. Praise God in the ho - ly tem - ple, | Praise God for al - |
| 4. Praise God on top of the moun-tains, | Praise God both |

$\text{B}13$ D^{\sharp} B $\text{B}13$ F^{\sharp}

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| lute and the harp; | Praise God with tim - brel and danc - ing, |
| strings and with pipes; | Praise God with clash - ing cym - bals, |
| might - y deeds; | Praise God for those boun - ti - ful mer - cies, |
| day and night; | Praise God down in the low val - leys, |

B $\text{B}13$ $\text{B}^{\flat}7$ $\text{B}^{\flat}9$ $\text{B}^{\flat}7$ *D.S. al Fine*

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|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Praise God | wher-ev - er you | are. |
| Praise God | with all of your | might. |
| For God | ful - fills | our needs. |
| Praise God | be - cause it's | al - right. |

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Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY 6.6.11 D

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

Trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, 1867; alt.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek out this soul of mine
 2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong With which the soul will long

And vis - it it with Your own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Your glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, Till Love cre - ates a place

And kin - dle it, Your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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AZMON CM

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease;
 3. Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free;
 4. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of God's grace!
 'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
 Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.
 To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of Thy name.

Our God, to Whom We Turn

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WAS FRAG' ICH NACH DER WELT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Edward Grubb, 1925

Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1679

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1724

1. Our God, to whom we turn When wea - ry with il - lu - sion,
 2. Thou art Thy - self the truth; Though we, who fain would find Thee,
 3. All beau - ty speaks of Thee: The moun - tains and the riv - ers,
 4. Thou hid - den fount of love, Of peace, and truth, and beau - ty,

Whose stars se - rene - ly burn A - bove this earth's con - fu - sion,
 Have tried, with thoughts un - couth, In fee - ble words to bind Thee,
 The line of lift - ed sea, Where spread - ing moon - light quiv - ers,
 In - spire us from a - bove With joy and strength for du - ty;

Thine is the might - y plan, The stead - fast or - der sure,
 It is be - cause Thou art We're driv - en to the quest;
 The deep - toned or - gan blast That rolls through arch - es dim,
 May Thy fresh light a - rise With - in each cloud - ed heart,

In which the world be - gan, En - dures, and shall en - dure.
 Till truth from false - hood part, Our souls can find no rest.
 Hints of the mu - sic vast Of Thine e - ter - nal hymn.
 And give us o - pen eyes To see Thee as Thou art.

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