



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 June 14, 2026 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather in the Name of Christ

PRELUDE "Aurelia" Herbert Chappell
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
 O Lord, I am your servant. You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN #361 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

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

Gracious God, you welcome us, but we pay little heed to your kindness.
You invite us into the joy of peace, but we cling to our anxious ways.
You offer us the food of life, but we prefer the world's unwholesome fare.
In Christ you have shown us what it means to live in amazing grace, but we do not love others as ourselves.

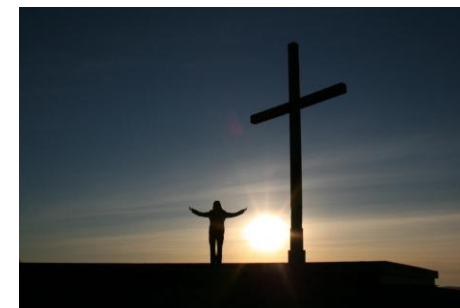
Instead, we compete, bad-mouth, complain and live for ourselves.
You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies, but we prefer to treat them as enemies, not as invited guests.
Our insecurities and frail egos prevent us from the largeness of heart to which we are called in our baptism.
Forgive us, we pray. Show us again the way of life.
Welcome us anew, and change our lives for the better;
in the name of the one who was scorned for eating with sinners, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+A DOXOLOGY #578 "Glory Be to the Father" Old Scottish Chant

+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

Genesis 18:1-15 A son is promised to Abraham and Sarah.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God. Told by Donna Goodfriend

Romans 5:1-8 We are justified by faith.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "What Does the Lord Require" Eric Nelson

Matthew 9:35-10:8 The call and mission of the twelve apostles.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Last Laugh"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #370 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" WOODWORTH

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from “The Confession of 1967,” PCUSA)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

“Aurelia”

Paul Bunjes

+A DOXOLOGY #593 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Avery and Marsh

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Came To Be Served, Now Let’s Leave To Serve

+HYMN #443

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

AURELIA

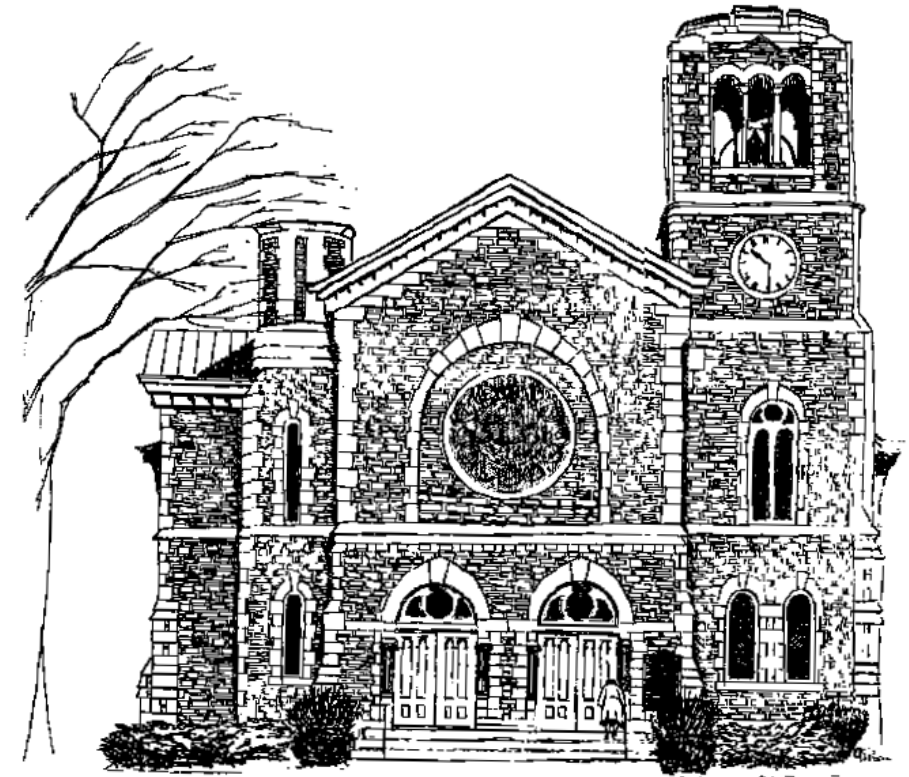
+CHARGE & BLESSING

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

June 14, 2026 ~ The Third Sunday after Pentecost ~ 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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How Firm a Foundation 361

"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787 FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11 American folk melody
Ed. John Rippon; alt. Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
Up-held by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Just as I Am, Without One Plea 370

WOODWORTH LM

Charlotte Elliott, 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy
2. Just as I am, though tossed about With man - y a
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome,
4. Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken

blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee,
in, with - out,
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
Thine a - lone,

Music: Harmonization copyright, MCMLV, by John Ribble; renewed 1983; from *The Hymnbook*, published by Westminster Press.

O Christ, the Great Foundation 443

AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D

Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1933; alt.
Trans. Mildred A. Wiant, 1966

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. O Christ, the great foun - da - tion On which Your peo - ple stand
2. Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, One church in all the earth,
3. Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, Where strong de - vour the weak,
4. This is the mo - ment glo - rious When He who once was dead

To preach Your true sal - va - tion In ev - ery age and land:
We bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, The sign of sec - ond birth:
Where in - no - cents are fright - ened, The righ - teous fear to speak,
Shall lead His church vic - to - rious, Their cham - pion and their head.

Pour out Your Ho - ly Spir - it To make us strong and pure,
One ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered In love be - yond our own,
There let Your church a - wak - ing At - tack the powers of sin
The Lord of all cre - a - tion His heaven - ly king - dom brings,

To keep the faith un - bro - ken As long as worlds en - dure.
By grace we were in - vit - ed, By grace we make You known.
And, all their ram - parts break - ing, With You the vic - tory win.
The fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, The glo - ry of all things.