



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 June 21, 2026 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather in the Name of Christ

PRELUDE

(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 86 CEV)

Please listen, Lord, and answer my prayer! I am poor and helpless.

Protect me and save me because you are my God.

I am your faithful servant, and I trust you.

Be kind to me! I pray to you all day.

Make my heart glad! I serve you, and my prayer is sincere.

You willingly forgive, and your love is always there for those who pray to you.

When I am in trouble, I pray, knowing you will listen.

You perform great wonders because you alone are God.

I serve you, Lord, and I am the child of one of your servants.

Look on me with kindness. Make me strong and save me.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.

+HYMN #243 "We Thank you, Lord, For You Are Good" WAS GOTT TUT
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

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

Free us, O God, from such absorption in our own concerns that we forget your loving intentions for us.

We are challenged to see with any other eyes but our own.

We are more obedient to our own passions than to your will for the good of all.

We are ashamed of the things we have done and the things we have failed to do.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Enable us to claim your free gift of life in Jesus Christ here and now, that we may be made whole.
 In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+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 21:8-21 Hagar and Ishmael sent away.

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Sharon Rankins-Burd

Romans 6:1b-11 We have died and risen with Christ.

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

Matthew 10:24-39 Jesus teaches with "hard sayings."

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

SERMON

"Serves You Right"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN (insert) "The Voice of God Is Calling" LLANGLOFFAN

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Publications)

We believe in God, who befriended a wandering people, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Sarah, Abraham, Ishmael, Hagar, Ruth, Bathsheba, and many others called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

We believe in Jesus, who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached the love of God to Syrians,

attracted Greeks to his cause, found his first Evangelist in a Samaritan, saw incomparable faith in a Roman, had his cross shouldered by a Libyan, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in all places.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who at Pentecost proved that heaven has no favored Mother-tongue; who, in the baptism of an Ethiopian, denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the ancient and modern worlds, founded churches in different cultures.

We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus. Yet we affirm that God is present among people who do not claim Christ as their own.

We believe that the commonwealth of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond our understanding. Therefore, we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve Our Call

+HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

June 21, 2026 ~ The Fourth 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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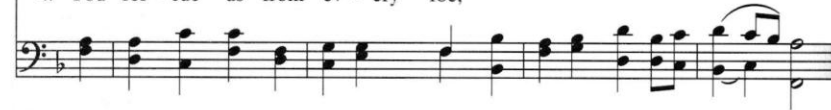
Severus Gastorius, 1681

John G. Dunn, 1985

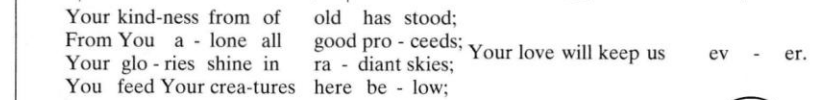
Harm. *Common Service Book*, 1917



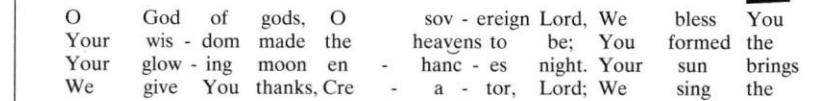
1. We thank You, Lord, for You are good;
 2. You, Lord, a - lone did won-drous deeds; Your mer-cy lives for - ev - er.
 3. You made the star - ry lights to rise;
 4. You res - cue us from ev - ery foe;



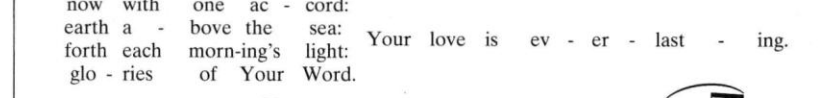
Your kind-ness from of old has stood;
 From You a - lone all good pro - ceeds; Your love will keep us ev - er.
 Your glo - ries shine in ra - diant skies;
 You feed Your crea-tures here be - low;



O God of gods, O sov - ereign Lord, We bless You
 Your wis - dom made the heavens to be; You formed the
 Your glow - ing moon en - hanc - es night. Your sun brings
 We give You thanks, Cre - a - tor, Lord; We sing the



now with one ac - cord:
 earth a - bove the sea: Your love is ev - er - last - ing.
 forth each morn-ing's light:
 glo - ries of Your Word.



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+Hymn

“The Voice of God Is Calling”

LLANGLOFFAN

1. The voice of God is calling
 its summons in our day;
 Isaiah heard in Zion,
 and we now hear God say:
 "Whom shall I send to succor
 my people in their need?
 Whom shall I send to loosen
 the bonds of shame and greed?"

2. "I hear my people crying
 in slum and mine and mill;
 no field or mart is silent,
 no city street is still.
 I see my people falling
 in darkness and despair.
 Whom shall I send to shatter
 the fetters which they bear?"

3. We heed, O Lord, your summons,
 and answer: Here are we!
 Send us upon your errand,
 let us your servants be.
 Our strength is dust and ashes,
 our years a passing hour;
 but you can use our weakness
 to magnify your power.

4. From ease and plenty save us;
 from pride of place absolve;
 purge us of low desire;
 lift us to high resolve;
 take us, and make us holy;
 teach us your will and way.
 Speak, and behold! we answer;
 command, and we obey!

—John H. Holmes, 1913, alt.

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Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D

Laurentius Laurenti, 1700

Trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854

Alt. *The Hymnal* 1982

Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

1. Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, Re - plen-ish them with oil;
3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing And dark - er night is near.
Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.
A - rise, Thou sun so longed for, A - bove this sha - dowed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon He will draw nigh;
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion, At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry, The Bride - groom is at hand!
The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with Thee!

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God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,

Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.