



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
September 13, 2026 ~ 16th 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 AND CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Disciples and doubters, faithful and feckless!

We are God's, who welcomes us all.

Followers and those who lag behind, open-hearted and close-minded,

We are the Lord's, who is always patient with us.

Reconcilers and rabble-rousers, foolish and fearless,

We are the Spirit's, who encourages us in every moment.

For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship God.

+HYMN #482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

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

Holy God, look patiently and with compassion upon us.

We find it easier to bear a grudge than to practice the liberty of grace.

**Bring us back to the wisdom of your Son, Jesus the storyteller,
to learn the mathematics of generosity.**

**By your Spirit, tutor our reluctant minds
and soften our hardened hearts, so that we may be enabled
both to give and receive forgiveness,
not numbering the times or counting the cost;
through Jesus our Redeemer we pray. Amen.**

RESPONSE HYMN #2275

“Kyrie”

(“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.”)

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

Exodus 14:19–31 The Israelites cross the sea on dry land.

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

Romans 14:1–12 A call to be non-judgmental.

The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love”

Hal Hopson

Matthew 18:21–35 A question and a parable about forgiveness.

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

SERMON

“To Err is Human (ya think?)”

We Come to the Table in Faith with Thanksgiving

HYMN #510

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

QUEBEC

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**New life in Christ takes shape in his community of faith, the church, in
which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of who we are.
Therefore, we can accept ourselves and love others, knowing that we have
no other ground on which to stand than the grace of God.**

**This new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust
and fear.**

**We still must struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.
Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ,
we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and
evil days, confident that our new life is pleasing to God and helpful to
others. Amen.**

Adapted from “The Confession of 1967,” Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (USA)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

TITHES & OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. /

It is right to give God thanks and praise.



... and by the faithful of every time and place:

SINGING (#581)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... we proclaim to the world the good news of our salvation:

SINGING (#582)

Dying, You destroyed our death;

Rising You restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

*(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and partake
the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles.)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve

+HYMN #2191

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

THORNBURY

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

September 13, 2026 ~ The 16th 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.*

All the People, Ministers

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LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Joachim Neander, 1680

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

Descant

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

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prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 510

Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153) QUEBEC LM
Trans. Ray Palmer, 1858; alt.

Henry Baker, 1854

1. Je - sus, Thou joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou fount of
 2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est
 3. We taste Thee, O Thou liv - ing bread, And long to
 4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for Thee, Wher-e'er our

life, Thou light of all, From the best bliss that
 those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee
 feast up - on Thee still; We drink of Thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, Glad when Thy gra - cious

earth im - parts We turn, un - filled, to heed Thy call.
 Thou art good, To them that find Thee, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
 smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

5. O Jesus, ever with us stay, O chase the night of sin away,
 Make all our moments calm and bright; Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

Alternate tune: JESU DULCIS MEMORIA, 511

Bless Now, O God, the Journey 2191

PRAYER, TRUST, HOPE

1. Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2. Bless so-journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way,
 3. Di - vine E - ter - nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 whose hope burns through the ter - rors, whose love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom-ise where milk and hon - ey flow.

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain 'round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while oft - en we are bound.
 But wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found. —
 To - geth - er we are seek-ing the road where faith is found. —
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found. —

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THORNBURY

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