



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation**  
**September 20, 2026 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**We Gather to Worship God**

**PRELUDE AND POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER**

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

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**As the offspring of Abraham, the children of Jacob, we will remember.**

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 TUTT  
*(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)*

**WELCOME**

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

**Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are.**

**We are often unresponsive for we are afraid.**

**When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,  
 for we fear what you might call us to do.**

**When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths,  
 embarrassed to speak your Word.**

**When the wind of your Spirit blows,  
 we close the windows of our hearts,  
 afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.  
 When the fire of your Spirit touches us,  
 we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.  
 Forgive us, O Lord.  
 Touch us with your Spirit, that we might be changed.  
 Break through our self-centeredness and create us anew.  
 Give us a heart to love and to serve you this day. Amen.**

**RESPONSE HYMN #2275**

**“Kyrie”**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**+A DOXOLOGY #579**

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

**GLORIA PATRI**

**+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 16:2-15 God provides manna from heaven.***

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

***Philippians 1:21-30 Live a life worthy of the gospel.***

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

**ANTHEM**

**“From All That Dwell Below The Skies”**

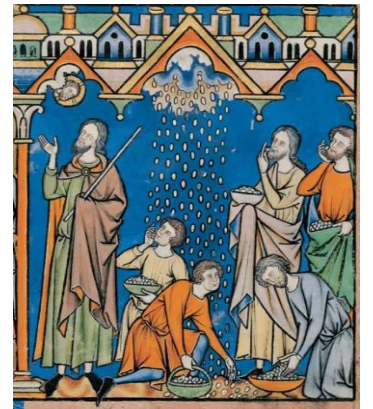
Isaac Watts, Gordon Young

***Matthew 20:1-16 The laborers in the vineyard.***

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

**SERMON**

**“Life’s Not Fair—Thank God!”**



## **We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+HYMN #282

**“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”**

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (by Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

**We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.**

**We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry.**

**He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.**

**We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.**

**We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

“debts/debtors”

(Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

CHORAL RESPONSE

TITHES & OFFERING

+A DOXOLOGY #593

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Avery and Marsh

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **We Go Out to Serve Our Call**

+HYMN #379

**“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

SOLID ROCK

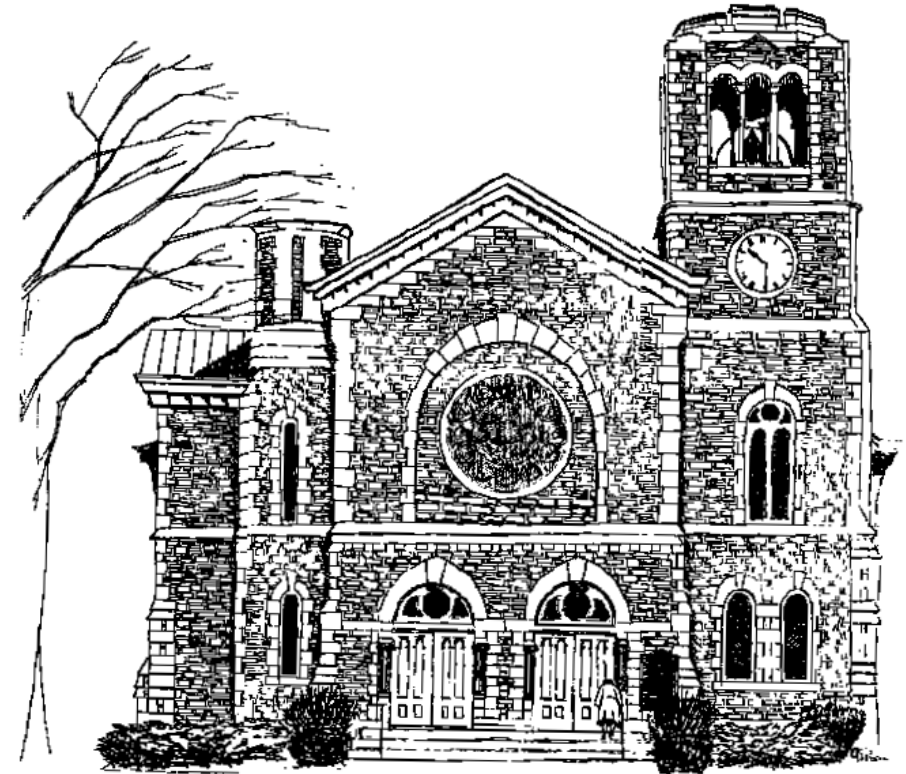
+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

## **STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

**September 20, 2026 ~ The 17<sup>th</sup> 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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## 243 We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good

WAS GOTT TUT 8.7.8.7.4.8.7

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;  
 3. You made the star - ry lights to rise;  
 4. You res - cue us from ev - ery foe;

Your mer-cy lives for - ev - er.

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

Your love will keep us ev - er.

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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## If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT 9.8.9.8.8.8

Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope - ful  
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer - ful  
 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,  
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Keep-er's plea - sure  
 own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,

To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most  
 So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -

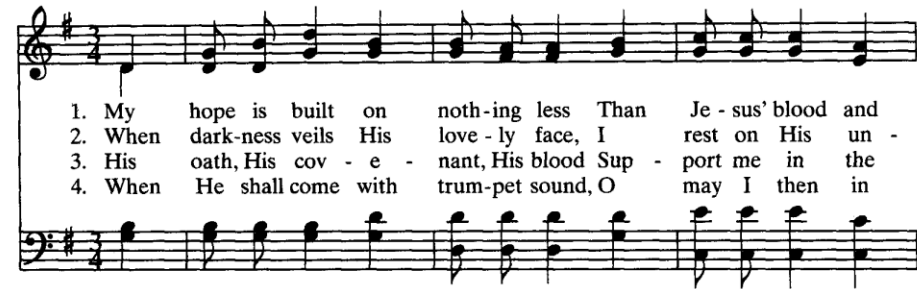
chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 sook at need The soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

## 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

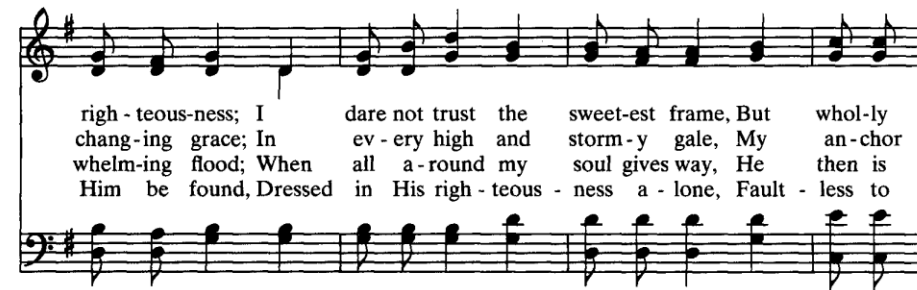
SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

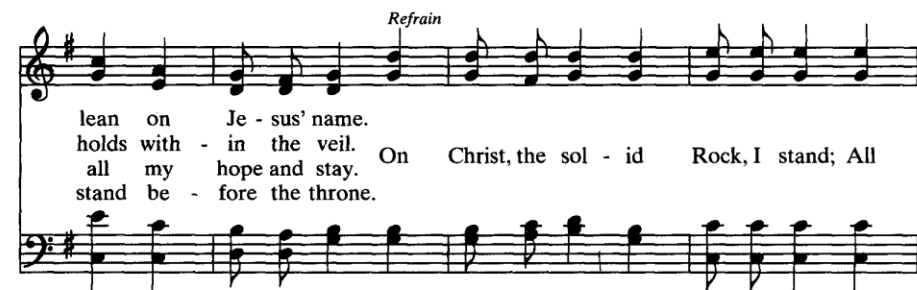
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the  
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly  
chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor  
whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is  
Him be found, Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to



*Refrain*  
lean on Je - sus' name.  
holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All  
all my hope and stay.  
stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Alternate tune: MELITA, 562