



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
September 27, 2026 ~ 18th 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 78)

Give ear, O people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told
us.**

We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

**In the sight of their ancestors, he worked marvels in the land of
Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.**

In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

**He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink
abundantly as from the deep.**

He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers

Surely the Lord is with us and will provide for us

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

Let us worship God.

+HYMN (insert) **“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”** THOMPSON
(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

WELCOME

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

**O God our help, we stand at the brink of what has been already and
what is yet to be.**

We long for liberation, to taste the sweetness of your promises.

But the way forward is unknown.

And so we hesitate, discouraged, frightened, insecure, complaining.

Yet we know that we are called to a journey.

And so we confess to you our need of grace.

**Forgive our sin, that we may rise to meet the challenges and
adventures that we face.**

**Keep us thirsting for the knowledge of your sustaining presence
with us, and give us the mind of Christ day by day;
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. 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 17:1-7 God provides water to the complaining Israelites.

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

Told by Donna Goodfriend

Philippians 2:1-13 Have the mind of Christ among you.

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

ANTHEM

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Traditional Latin

Matthew 21:23-32 Actions vs. good intentions.

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

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SERMON

“Honestly and Unapologetically Authentic”

The Rev. Victor McKusick

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN (insert)

“Have This Mind Among You”

KEITH

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be a member of his community of reconciliation, the church.

Christ calls us to the ministry of reconciliation and has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We show forth continuity with the apostles when we are obedient to our calling.

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ set the pattern for our life as the church.

As his church, we follow the pattern of his life in our life.

For us to live and serve according to the pattern of Jesus' life is truly to confess him. Amen.

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

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN (insert)	“I Need Thee Every Hour”	NEED
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+POSTLUDE

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Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

THOMPSON

Will Lamartine Thompson, 1880

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1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing for you and for me;
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for you and for me?
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, Pass - ing from you and from me;
 4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, Prom - ised for you and for me!

See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me.
 Why should we lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me?
 Sha - dows are ga - ther - ing, death - beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me.
 Though we have sinned, He has mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me.

Come home, come home, You who are wear - y, come home;
 Come home, come home;

Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

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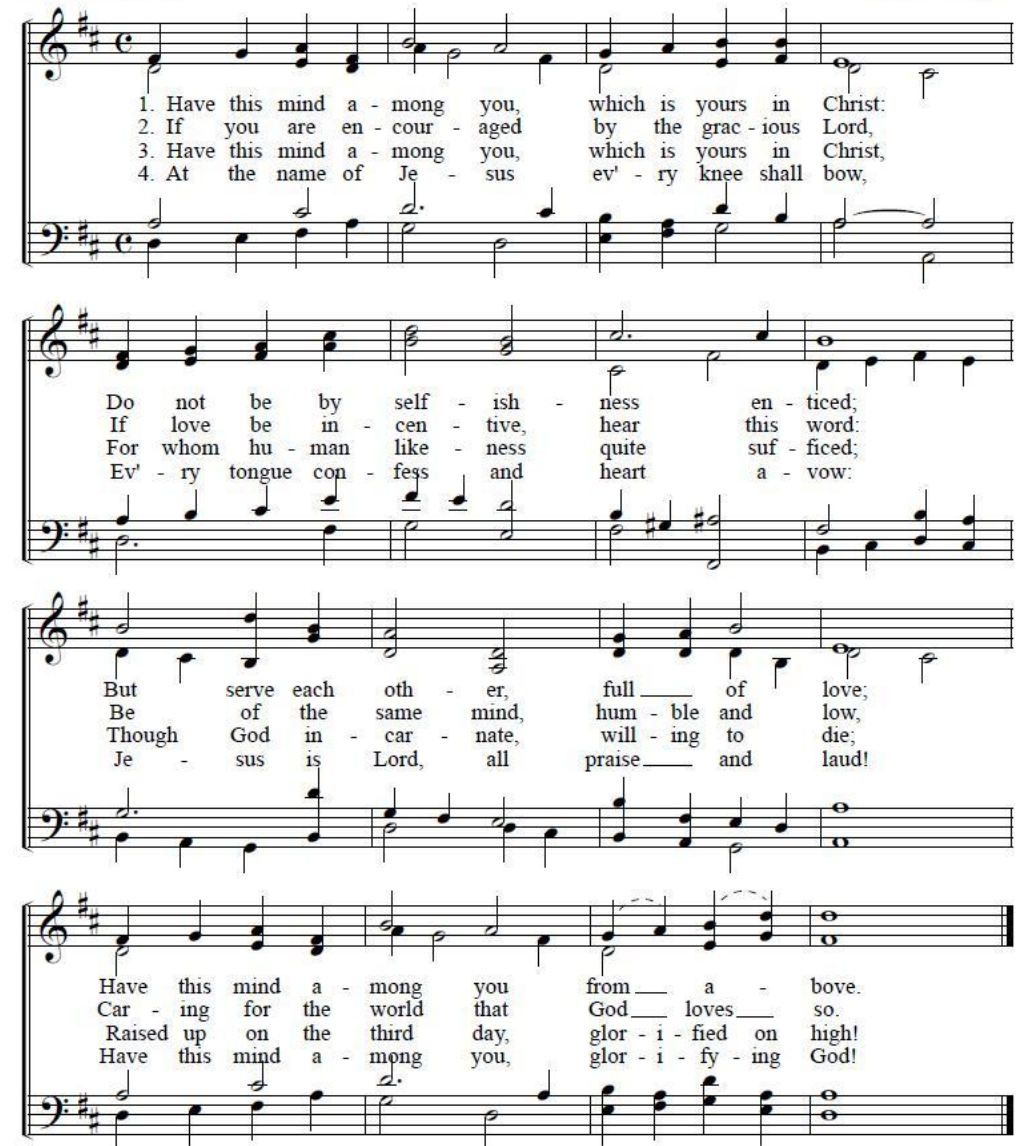
Have This Mind Among You

Philippians 2:1-11

Dennis Dewey

KEITH 11.9.9.11

Dennis Dewey



1. Have this mind a - mong you, which is yours in Christ:
 2. If you are en - cour - aged by the grac - ious Lord,
 3. Have this mind a - mong you, which is yours in Christ,
 4. At the name of Je - sus ev' - ry knee shall bow,

Do not be by self - ish - ness en - ticed;
 If love be in - cen - tive, hear this word;
 For whom hu - man like - ness quite suf - ficed;
 Ev' - ry tongue con - fess and heart a - vow:

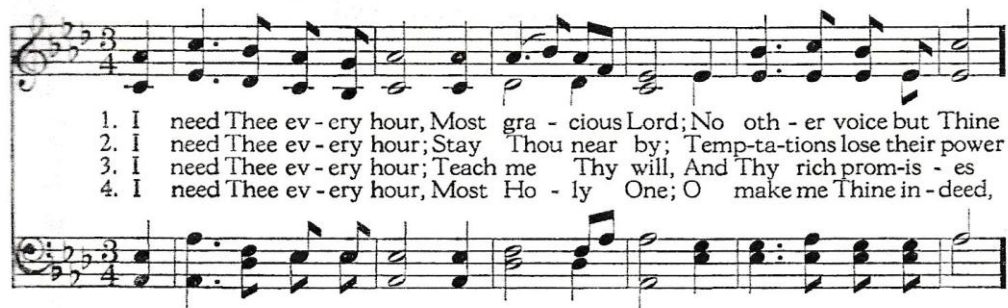
But serve each oth - er, full of love;
 Be of the same mind, hum - ble and low;
 Though God in - car - nate, will - ing to die;
 Je - sus is Lord, all praise and laud!

Have this mind a - mong you, from a - bove.
 Car - ing for the world that God loves so.
 Raised up on the third day, glor - i - fied on high!
 Have this mind a - mong you, glor - i - fy - ing God!

I Need Thee Every Hour

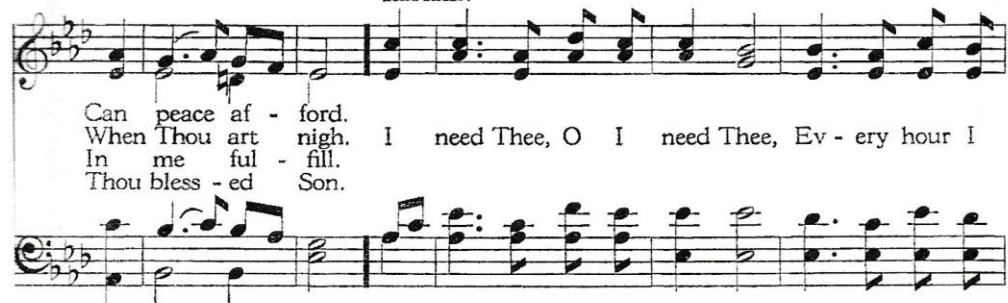
Anne S. Hawks, 1872
 Refrain by Robert Lowry, 1872

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 Robert Lowry, 1872



1. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most gra - cious Lord; No oth - er voice but Thine
 2. I need Thee ev - ery hour; Stay Thou near by; Temp - ta - tions lose their power
 3. I need Thee ev - ery hour; Teach me Thy will, And Thy rich prom - is - es
 4. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One; O make me Thine in - deed,

REFRAIN



Can peace af - ford.
 When Thou art nigh. I need Thee, O I need Thee, Ev - ery hour I
 In me ful - fill.
 Thou bless - ed Son.



need Thee! O bless me now, my Sav - iour— I come to Thee! A - MEN.