



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
October 4, 2026 ~ World Communion Sunday



We Gather with the Whole World 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 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple,

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether,

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

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

Let us worship God.

HYMN #507

"I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

WELCOME

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

Almighty and most merciful God, in your great goodness forgive us our sin and put right within us what is wrong.

Heal us and mend us. Help us and guide us.

Turn us away from that which may hurt us and do harm to others.

Make us ready in body and spirit to live in your grace with good cheer and to do your will in our lives;

through Jesus Christ our Lord 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 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20 God gives Moses the Ten Commandments.

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

Philippians 3:4b–14 Paul puts the past behind him and strives for the future.

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

ANTHEM

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

African American Spiritual

Additional words and music Gwyneth Walker

Matthew 21:33–46 Parable of the wicked tenants.

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

SERMON

"Identity Politics"

We Come with All the World to the Table of the Lord

HYMN #366

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

ST. CATHERINE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **"The Apostles' Creed"** (Ecumenical Version, *The Hymnal*, p. 14)

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.

... Your ways are just and true. You alone are holy:

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.**

... and whose story of victory we celebrate at this table:

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 in the World That God So Loves

+HYMN #2238 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" NEW DIMENSIONS

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

October 4, 2026 ~ World Communion Sunday ~ 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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I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
 ends, The love that made us, makes us one, And
 near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
 ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
 see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
 live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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ST. CATHERINE 8.8.8.8.8

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Trans. John Wesley, c. 1739; alt.

Henri Frederick Hemy, 1864

Alt. James George Walton, 1874

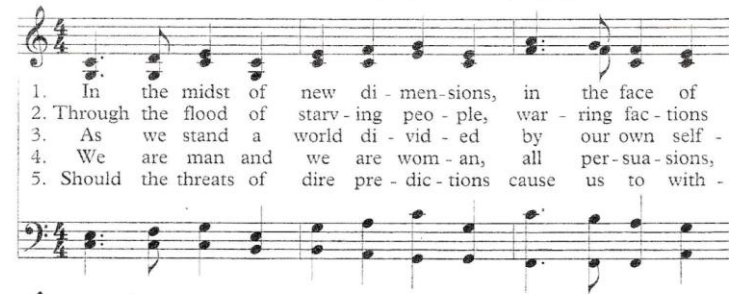
1. Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can
 2. O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but
 3. O Love, how gra - cious is Thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to Thee,
 Thy pure love a - lone; O may Thy love pos - sess me whole,
 fore Thy pres - ence flies; Care, an - guish, sor - row melt a - way,

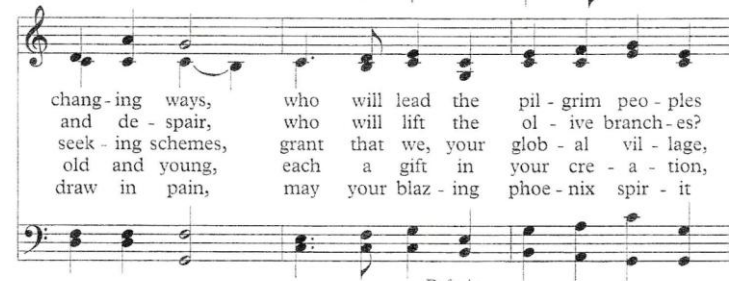
And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
 Wher - e'er Thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus, noth - ing

lone, I'd live, My - self to Thee en - tire - ly give.
 heart re - move; May ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 may I see, Noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but Thee.

2238 In the Midst of New Dimensions



1. In the midst of new di - men-sions, in the face of
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions
 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



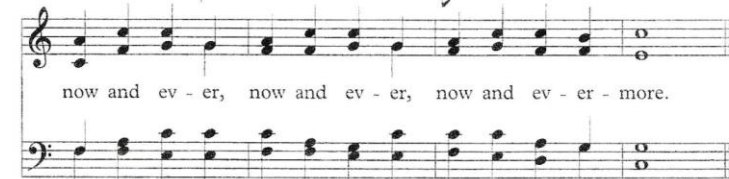
chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it



Refrain
 wan - dering in their sep - a - rate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung,
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.