An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
November 8, 2026 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Praise 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, to the Lord's teaching; incline your ears to the words of God's mouth.
We will open our mouths in a parable; we will utter sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
God established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children.
That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,
So that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
All: Let us worship God.

+HYMN #485 **"To God Be the Glory"** TO GOD BE THE GLORY
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first together, then in silent reflection)*
Holy and merciful God, through the ages you have been with your people through good times and bad and have spoken through your prophets and your Son.
Yet we continue to forget you and ignore your teachings.
We decry those who sin against us while we are blinded to sins we commit against others.
Forgive us and may we use even a portion of your grace to serve you and to help those who truly suffer that they may know you and your great love for all of us.
Through your grace, the walls of sin that separate us from you have been torn down through our Savior, the Son of David, Jesus the Messiah.
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

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 The Israelites pledge to follow the Lord.
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 The coming of the Lord.
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM **"Julbilate"** attrib. W. A. Mozart
(Let us praise you) arr. Alan Bullard

Matthew 25:1–13 The wise and foolish girls. Told by Donna Goodfriend
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **"Coming and Going"**

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #15 **"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"** LLANGLOFFAN

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "The Confession of 1967")

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

In this experience, the Spirit bring God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. 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 AND OFFERING

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Are Sent Out to Serve

+HYMN #419 **"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"** REPTON

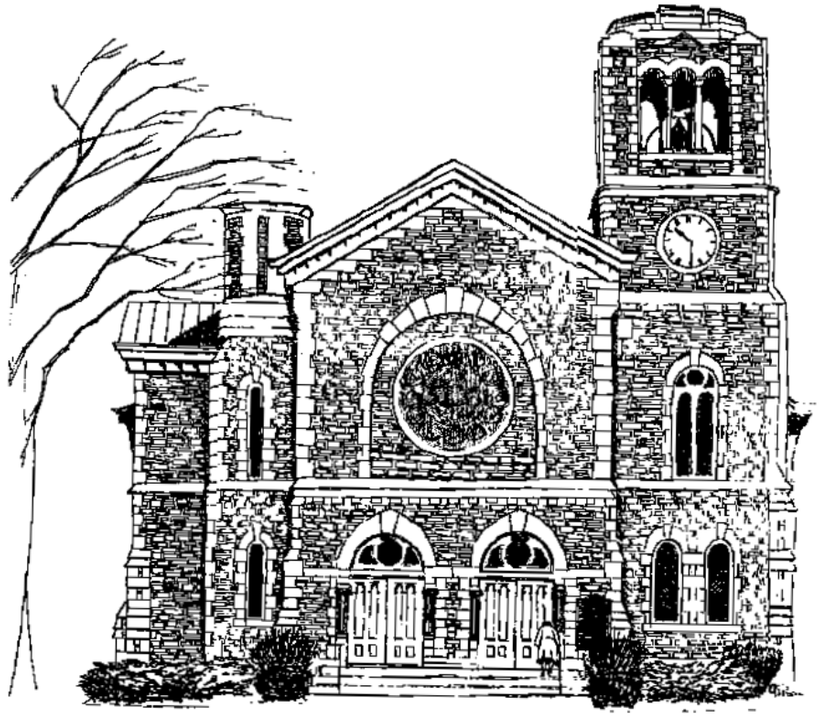
+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

November 8, 2026 ~ 24th 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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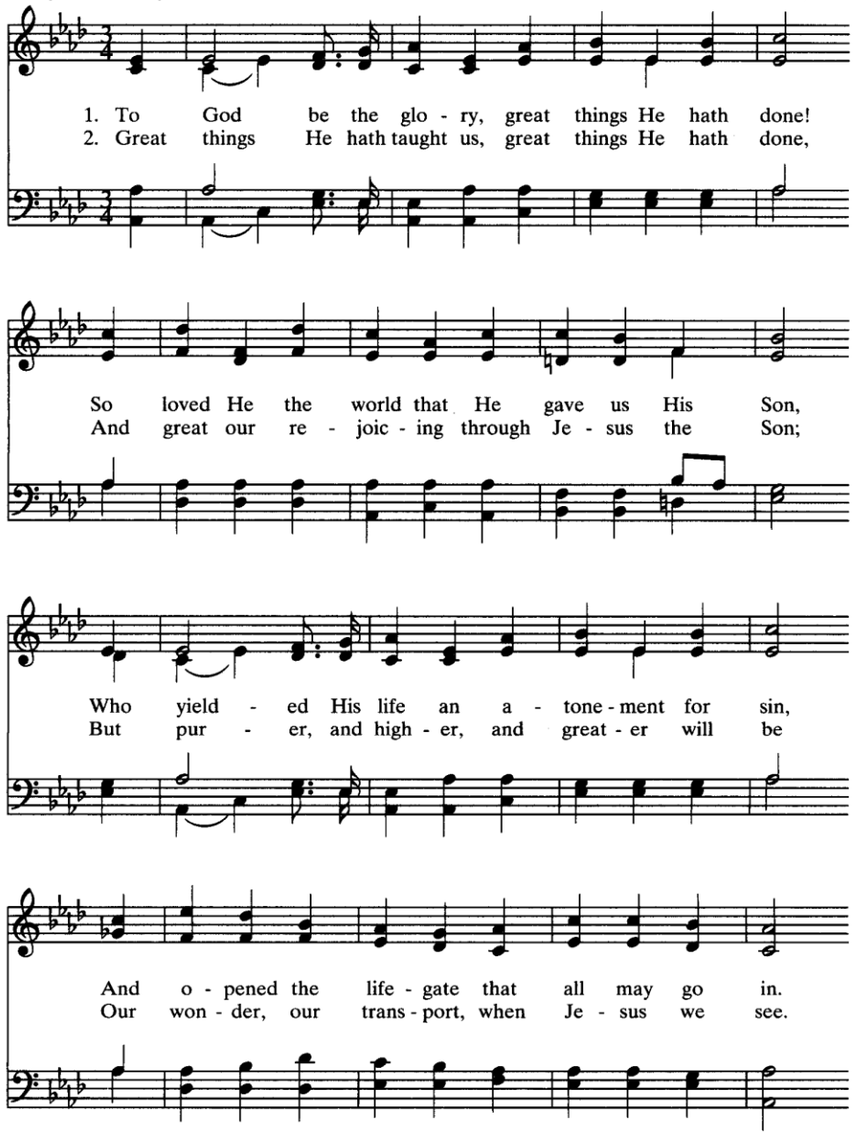
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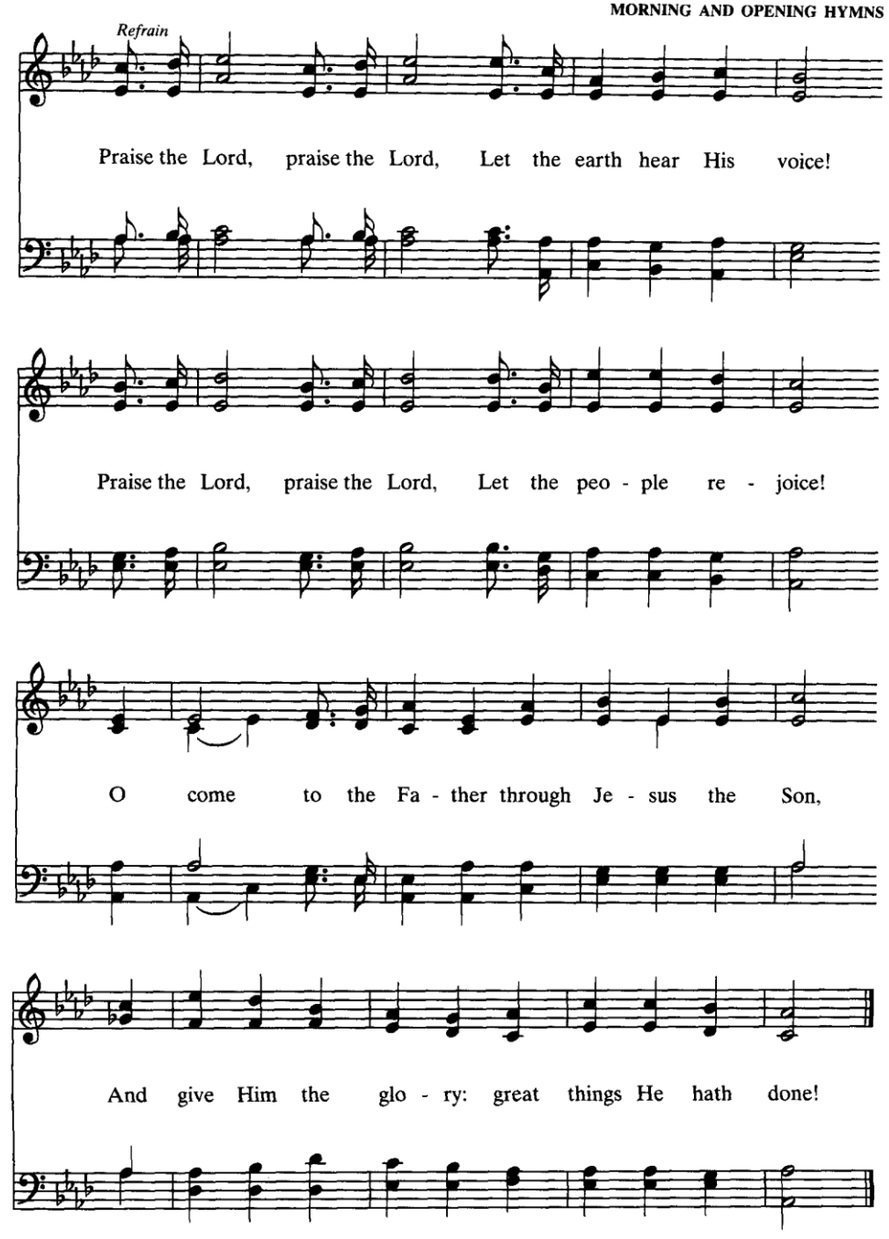
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TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875 William Howard Doane, 1875
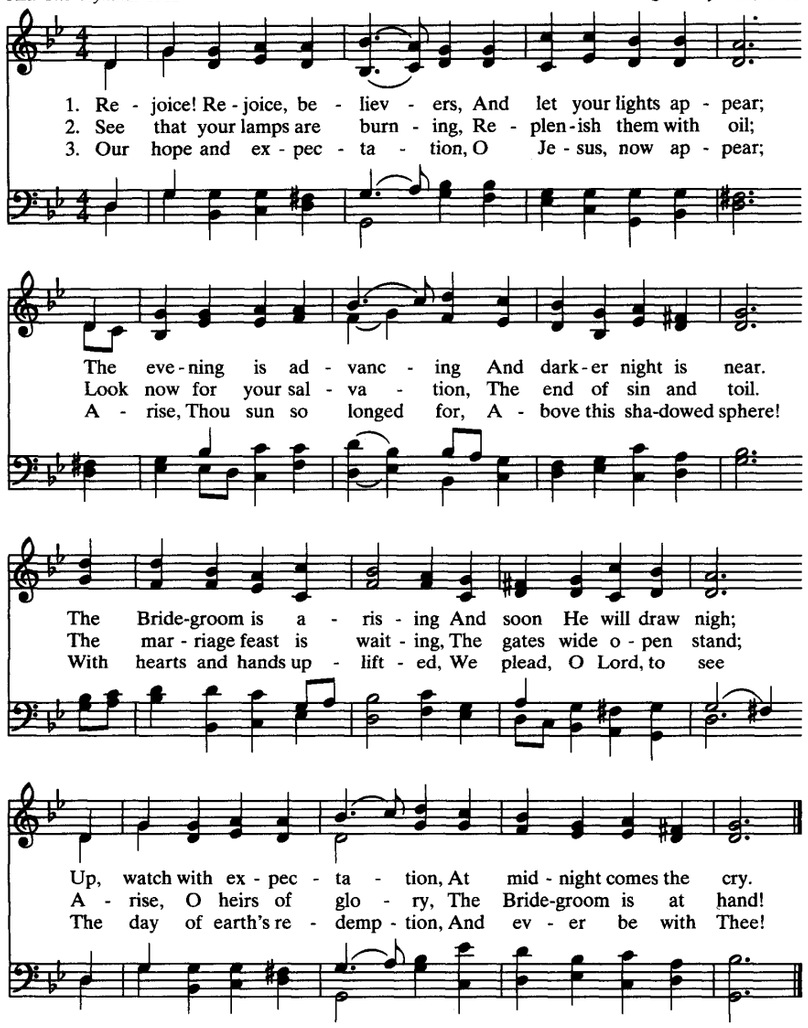




Matthew 25:1–10

15 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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Laurentius Laurenti, 1700
Trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854
Alt. *The Hymnal 1982*

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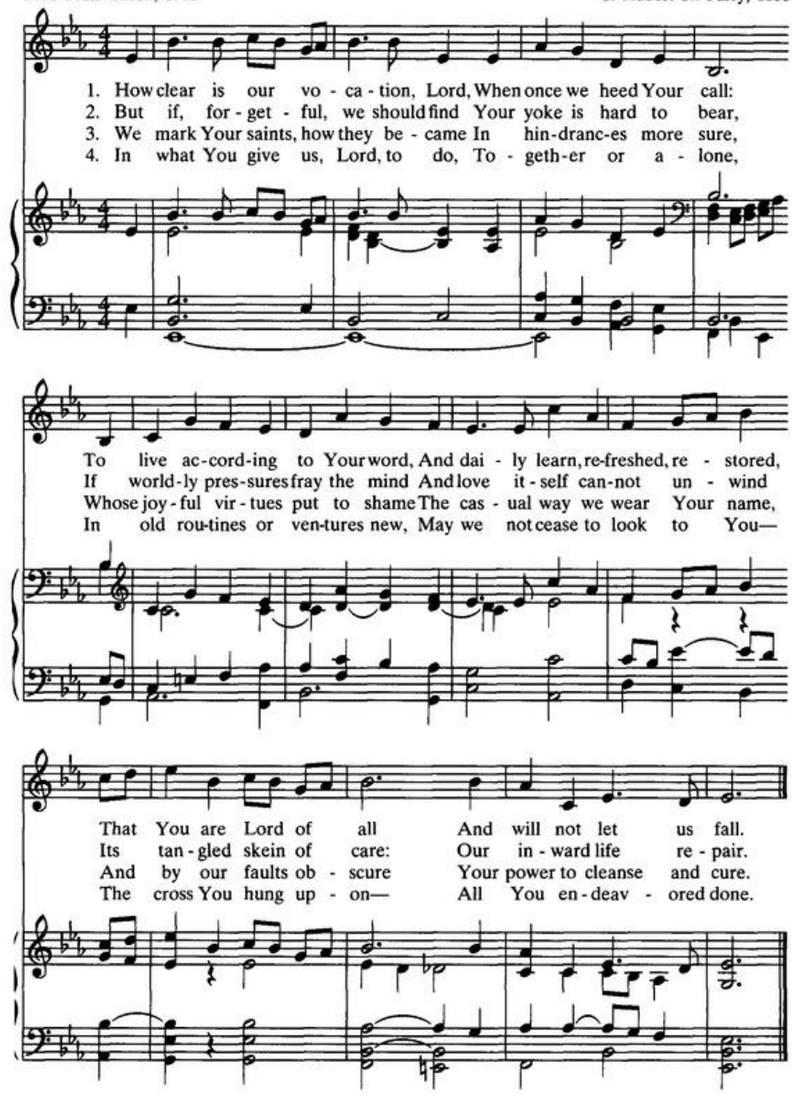


How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 419

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Fred Pratt Green, 1981

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888



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