

An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 February 3, 2019 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany



**We Gather as the Community of Faith**

PRELUDE "Pastorella" J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER  
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

PEOPLE: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

LEADER: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

PEOPLE: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

LEADER: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth

PEOPLE: Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

LEADER: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

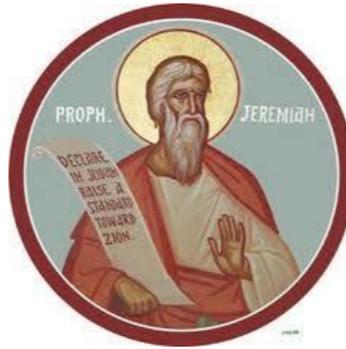
PEOPLE: Let us worship God.

+ HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" to the tune BEECHER  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

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

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses for inactivity. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. We think, too often, that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves and angry that you expect so much



from us. Forgive our ignorance, our stubbornness, and our stupidity, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love, and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. Let our work be part of the fulfillment of the mandate of Jesus Christ when he made his proclamation in the synagogue so long ago. For it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

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 concluding "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**Jeremiah 1:4-10—**  
**The call of the prophet Jeremiah.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Beautiful Savior" Robert M. Vandervliet, Jr.

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – The greatest gift is love.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

**Luke 4:16-30 – Jesus preaches in his hometown.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God

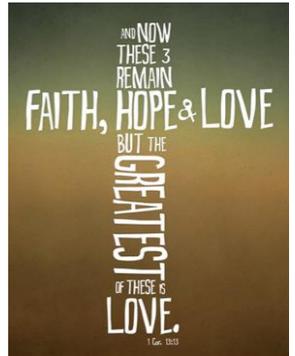
SERMON **Call and Commission**

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+ HYMN #408 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (see insert) - from "The Confession of 1967" (adapted)

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS  
 Donna Goodfriend as Ruling Elder and Barbara Greene as Deacon



LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

“Arioso”

C.P.E. Bach

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. /  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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. Hosanna in the highest.**

... as we declare the great and glorious mystery of our faith, singing:

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)

THE COMMUNION

(Please hold the bread until all have been served, but partake of the cup as served.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ**

+ HYMN #531

“Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels”

BRIDEGROOM

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**  
February 3, 2019 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany ~ 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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+**AFFIRMING OUR FAITH** - from "The Confession of 1967" (adapted)

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life.**

**It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and that all evil be banished from God's creation.**

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ culminate in the image of the "Reign of God."**

**This reign represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts God's creation.**

**Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**With an urgency born of this hope the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.**

**We do not identify limited progress with the Reign of God on earth, nor do we despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.**

**In steadfast hope the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God—to whom by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think.**

**To our God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**REGRETFULLY,** Hal and Linda Rance were not included in the list of Deacons in the annual report. They are dedicated members. My sincere apologies to Hal and Linda.

**HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST:** This month's wish list includes the following: **Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Butter/ Margarine Sugar, Breakfast Cereal.** Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will greatly be appreciated. If you have questions, contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or ceilgilbert@yahoo.com.

**COUNTRY PANTRY:** Please note that loose change collected in worship on the third Sunday of each month is given the Country Pantry.

**FAIR TRADE SHOPPE:** Laxmi Meharjan excelled at weaving, even when she was a girl. Her weavings were sold, but Laxmi never saw any money. Her earnings went to her father and later to her husband. When Laxmi began working with SERRV's partner in Nepal, she took her earnings into her own hands for the first time in her life. She vowed to use that money to put her daughter Sudha through school. And she did-Sudha earned a Master's degree in social work. You can help people like Laxmi by shopping at our Fair Trade Shop at Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton. We have a large selection of baskets, exquisite jewelry, collectibles, wood items, chocolate and food items, clothing, and toys from 38 different countries. Purchasing fair trade ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development, and hope to marginalize people. Once again this year, our shop was able to donate \$1000 each to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and to MVRRCR. We are holding a 25% off Winter Sale during February (some restrictions apply)

**OUR ANNUAL CHOCOLATE LOVER'S SALE** will be held on **Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 2pm.** We are asking for donations of any kind of chocolate goodies (pies being the most popular). If you are unable to bake, a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this sale will go to Hope House in Utica (a place where anyone can get a warm meal served with a smile). Come and help us celebrate Valentine's Day by purchasing something chocolate-y for yourself or some loved ones. Any questions? Please see Ceil Gilbert or Donna Goodfriend.



## THE CALENDAR



Monday – 2/4/19:	7:00 p.m.	Annual Joint Session-Deacons Meeting
Thursday – 2/7/19:	10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday – 2/9/19:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday – 2/9/19:	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Chocolate Lover's Sale
Sunday – 2/10/19:	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday – 2/10/19:	10:30a.m.	Worship (Helen Tracy-Guest Preacher)

Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – [stonepres.org](http://stonepres.org) & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”



**GREETERS:** Bev Miller & Mary Chamberlain  
**COMMUNION:** Donna Goodfriend

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please go to our website [www.stonepres.org](http://www.stonepres.org) and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 315-853-2933.

### Prayer Request:

Jack Bohrer  
Mary & Lori Chamberlain  
Peter & Donna Goodfriend  
The family of Rev. Jeff McArn  
Fred Kaiser  
Donna Robinson  
Debra LaFont  
Lora Schilder & Family  
The Family of Claire Burns  
The Family of Bill Porter  
For all children & grandchildren to attend church and know God

### Members/Friends of the Week:

Hal & Linda Rance  
Alice Richards  
Barb Robinson

