



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
March 8, 2020 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent



We Join Jesus in the Wilderness

PRELUDE **“The God of Abraham Praise”** Richard Proulx
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT AND POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber,
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil.
He will keep your life.
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+ **HYMN #488** **“The God of Abraham Praise”** LEONI
(+Those who are able may stand.)

THE LENTEN WALK

You are invited to come down the right side aisle,
put a heart on the globe in the desert, and then
pass by the communion table to receive your
Lenten discipline.

CONFESSION OF SIN

...This we confess.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



RESPONSE HYMN #2275 **“Kyrie”**
(“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.”)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+**A DOXOLOGY #578** **“Glory Be to the Father”** OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+**THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WELCOME

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
(You are invited to say the “amen” aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 12:1-4a *The call of Abram*
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 *God's promise realized through faith*
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** David Schwoebel

John 3:1-17 *Jesus and Nicodemus*
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

SERMON **“Faith Anew”**

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+ **HYMN #87** **“The Glory of These Forty Days”** to O WALY WALY

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **“The Nicene Creed” (Ecumenical)**
The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 15



LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"debts/debtors" (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

MINUTE FOR MISSION – RISE AGAINST HUNGER

OFFERTORY "May God Bestow on Us His Grace" Johann Pachelbel

+THANKSGIVING #2036 "Give Thanks" GIVE THANKS
(vv.1-2, with no repeats)

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

We Continue on the Lenten Journey

+ HYMN #79 "Kind Maker of the World" to GERMANY

+CHARGE & BLESSING

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

March 8, 2020 ~ The Second Sunday in Lent ~ 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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ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES will be hosted at the Clinton United Methodist Church on **Tuesday evenings** beginning with a **light soup and bread supper at 6:00 p.m.** Then there will be a session based on his best-selling book, “24 Hours that Changed the World”, pastor and popular author Adam Hamilton helps through his video series for viewers to relive the one day in history that changed everything and understand the significance of Jesus’ final hours. Drawing on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible, Hamilton takes us to the Holy Land and provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history. We visit the sites where those earth-shaking events took place, and we walk where Jesus walked along the road that led to the pain and triumph of the cross. The program will end before 7:30 p.m. Please plan to make this fascinating series part of your Lenten experience.

This week on March 10th, the Rev. Janet Griffiths will moderate Session 2 “The Garden of Gethsemane” and Patsy Glista, AIM will moderate Session 3 “Condemned by the Righteous”

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: This month’s wish list includes the following: **BREAKFAST CEREAL, COFFEE, SUGAR, HOT CHOCOLATE, BUTTER OR MARGARINE, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, NAPKINS, TOILET PAPER.** Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will greatly be appreciated. Any questions, contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or ceilgilbert@yahoo.com.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY: Thank you for your ongoing support of The Country Pantry. We are seeking kid-friendly food for our **KIDPAKS PROGRAM.** We will be running this program monthly, not only during summer months. This bag of goodies is filled with nutritious food and given to each child, age 3-18, on food distribution day.

We are requesting:
PEANUT BUTTER, SNACK BARS, BREAKFAST BARS, RAISINS, FRUIT CUPS, CANNED SOUP (INCLUDING RAMEN) & NUTELLA .
 Any similar items, not listed above, are gladly accepted. The pantry will be adding fresh fruit and milk/juice to these KIDPAKS.

FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: Please come see the beautiful new shawls! There’s a pink shawl that’s woven with shimmering cotton threads in elaborate paisley and floral designs. A purple wave scarf, made from silk is screen printed and hand painted in brilliant colors, with a rolling wave pattern at either end. The production of both these items helps preserve India’s diverse craft traditions. Also, a gold medallion wrap, made in Cambodia, is an elegant handwoven silk shawl in deep gold and is dip tie-dyed in black to create abstract medallions for a truly sophisticated look. Your purchase of any of these remarkably handcrafted items creates income and social reform for hundreds, provides rural women and individuals with disabilities empowerment to become self-sufficient, and to have self-worth and hope.



THE CALENDAR



Today – 03/08/20:	After Worship	Session Meeting
Tuesday – 03/10/20:	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Series -Session 2-CUMC
Thursday – 03/12/20:	10:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday – 03/14/20:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday – 03/15/20:	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday – 03/15/20:	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday – 03/17/20:	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Series-Session 3-CUMC

Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – stonepres.org & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”



GREETERS: Judy LaGasse & Barb Greene

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 and click on “Prayer Request”

Prayer Request:

Phil Conley
 Sherry Robinson
 Pat Joseph
 Nancy
 Laurie
 Mandy Machold
 Gene Lawson
 Debra LaFont
 Jason & Tanya Hamshar
 Andrew Bering
 Grace Whittemore
 Jack Cassidy
 Elaine Heekin
 Tiffany Heintz
 Anna Gogel
 David Harris

Members/Friends of the Week:

Judy LaGasse
 Gerry Gogel
 Steve & Lois Gorrell

