

An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 February 2, 2020 ~ Presentation of the Lord



We Gather to Worship One Who Is the Revelation of the Light

PRELUDE "Lasst uns erfreuen" Gerald Peterson
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT AND POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.
God has founded it upon the seas, and established it on the rivers.
 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?
Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their souls to what is false, who do not swear with deceit?
 They will receive blessing from the Lord,
 and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+ HYMN #229 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

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

Gracious God,
 our sins are too heavy to carry,
 too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
 Forgive what our lips are ashamed to name,
 what our hearts can no longer bear,
 and what has become for us
 an experience of burning judgment.
 Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
 open to us a future in which we can be changed;
 and grant us grace to grow more and more
 into your likeness and image;
 through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #578 "Glory Be to the Father" OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WELCOME

We Listen for the Light of the World

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

(You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)



LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Malachi 3:1-4 A prophecy of the coming messenger.

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

Told by Donna Goodfriend

Hebrews 2:14-18 Jesus is our merciful High Priest.

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

ANTHEM

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

Luke 2:22-40 Jesus is presented in the temple.

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

SERMON

"My Messengers"

We Come to Table the Table of the Lord

+ HYMN #176 "The Earth and All That Dwell Therein" (to ST. ANNE)

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

"St. Anne"

George Th. Miles

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

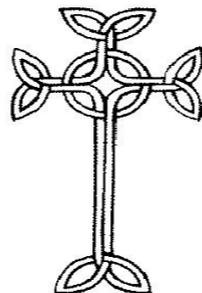
The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we join with all the faithful to sing the eternal song of praise:

SINGING (to O STORE GUD)

**Almighty God, O Holy, Holy, Holy,
By all the heav'ns and earth alike adored,
Your holy glory shows throughout the wide world,
As all creation sings with one accord:**

**Hosanna in the highest to the Lord,
And blessings on the coming one!
Hosanna, high hosanna now we raise,
And offer you all thanks and praise!!**



... we announce to the world the story of our faith:

SINGING (to O STORE GUD)

**The Lord of Life came here to walk among us,
And gave his life for those he held most dear,
And on the third day rose again in glory.
And he will come to wipe away each tear:**

**A light for revelation to the world,
the glory of your Israel;
A light for revelation to the world.
the glory of your Israel!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

(Please hold the bread until all are served; drink the cup as you are served it.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

We Depart in Peace as Servants of the Lord

+ **HYMN #603**

"Song of Simeon"

LAND OF REST

+ **CHARGE & BLESSING**

+ **POSTLUDE**

"Lasst uns erfreuen"

Rudolf Moser

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

February 2, 2020 ~ Presentation of the Lord ~ 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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RISE AGAINST HUNGER: Throughout February, our worship services will include an opportunity for each of us to come forward during a special offering dedicated to supporting the community-wide Rise Against Hunger project. **Rise Against Hunger's mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable.** As we each consider how to respond to this mission and, more practically, to our congregation's \$2000 commitment, we are challenged to consider our own relationships to God's people throughout the world: these are REAL people whose lives can be lengthened and altered by our generosity. *You are asked to give as you are able.* Contributions should be clearly marked and offered during Sunday worship or be clearly marked and sent to Stone Church, PO Box 33, Clinton NY 13323. Your generosity will provide desperately needed food to those on the edge of starvation.

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: The pantry can always use **soup, peanut butter, tuna and canned chicken.** And let's not forget about the 4-legged friends!

FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: Enjoy the moisture-wicking comfort of our organic wool lightweight dress socks available in unique patterns (colors vary) that wrap around the leg and foot. Organic farming practices, adhering to organic processing standards, and minimizing our carbon footprint by producing only within the Americas, Maggie's is a leader in textile sustainability. These and many more varieties, along with handmade gift items from 38 different countries. We will be holding a **25% off Winter Sale during January and February** (some restrictions apply). Purchasing fair trade ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope to marginalized people.

OUR ANNUAL CHOCOLATE LOVER'S SALE will be held on **Saturday, February 8th, from 10am until sold out.** 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 Donna Goodfriend or Mary Chamberlain.



THE CALENDAR



Thursday - 02/06/20:	10:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday - 02/09/20:	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday - 02/09/20:	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Sunday - 02/09/20:	During Worship	Officer Installation
Monday - 02/10/20:	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

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



GREETERS & SERVERS: Trish Harris & Mary Chamberlain

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" or call the church office at 315-853-2933

Prayer Request:

Hal & Linda Rance
Mandy Machold
Jamison
Gene Lawson
Debra LaFont
Jason & Tanya Hamshar
Andrew Bering
Grace Whittemore
Jack Cassidy
Elaine Heekin
Tiffany Heintz
Sue Riggles
Anna Gogel
David Harris

Members/Friends of the Week:

Jason & Tanya Hamshar
Susan & Ron Siedsma
Randy & Kathryn Stear

