

An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 February 23, 2020 ~ The Transfiguration of Jesus



We Gather to Witness the Glory of God

PRELUDE "Hyfrydol" John Marsh
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT AND POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the LORD!

**Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the
 LORD our God is holy.**

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.



+ HYMN #2103 "We Have Come" HYFRYDOL
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to the mountaintop,

but we prefer not to see beyond ourselves.

You show yourself in radiant light, but we prefer the shadows of our sin.

You bring the wisdom of Moses and the courage of Elijah,

but we dither, uncertain of our faith.

You invite us to share in a vision of things as they might be,

but we occupy ourselves with making memorials to past events.

Lord, have mercy upon us

for accepting mediocrity in your name and calling it good enough.

Christ, have mercy upon us for our myopic vision.

Lord, have mercy upon us

for being less than zealous for your peace and justice.

Forgive us and free us from sin to see with new sight

the glory of your promises. In your name we pray. Amen.

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 UNDERSTANDING

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 24:12-18 Moses encounters the glory of God on mountain top.

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

2 Peter 1:16-20 God bore witness to the truth on the mountain.

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



ANTHEM "This Is My Beloved Son" Knut Nystedt

Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.
 The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

SERMON "You Had to Be There"

We Gather at the Table of the Lord

+ HYMN #75 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" DEO GRACIAS

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)* *The Hymnal, p. 14*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – RISE AGAINST HUNGER

OFFERTORY "Let Us Break Bread Together" Gwyneth Walker

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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:

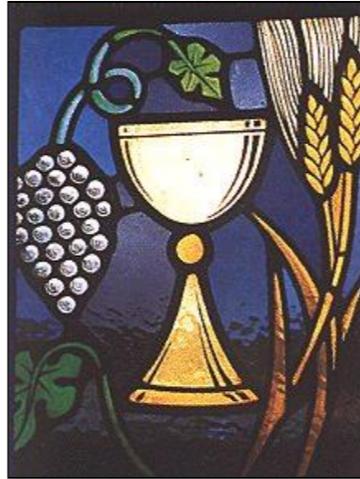
SINGING (to DEO GRACIAS)

**O holy, holy, holy Lord,
By heav'n_ and earth_ a - like adored,
The blest one comes,_ new life to bring;
Our high Hosannas now we sing!**

... as together we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

SINGING (to DEO GRACIAS)

**He died for us, our lives to save.
And for_ our life_ rose_ from the grave.
And he shall come_ at end of days
To reign in everlasting praise!**



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

(You are invited to come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the cup, returning by the side aisle.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

We Go to Serve the Master

- + HYMN #73 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” GENEVA
- + CHARGE & BENECTION
- + CHORAL RESPONSE
- + POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

February 23, 2020 ~ Transfiguration 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.

Clinton Area Ministerium Lenten Series - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at CUMC

 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.

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: 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 and February** (some restrictions apply).



THE CALENDAR



Wednesday – 02/26/20:	6:00 p.m.	Pancake Dinner
Wednesday – 02/26/20:	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service- Guest-Rev. Dr. Robert. Umidi
Thursday – 02/27/20:	10:00 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday – 03/01/20:	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday – 03/01/20:	10:30 a.m.	Worship

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



GREETERS & SERVERS: Helen Leonard, Mary Chamberlain & Linda Rance

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:

Pat Joseph
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:

Pat & Buzz Joseph
Rita & Larry Thompson
Jim & Jan Thyren

