



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 April 18, 2021 ~ The Third Sunday of Easter



We Gather in Celebration of the Resurrection

Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
 Quentin Thomas
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

Pouring of the Baptismal Water

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 4)

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
 God replies: "How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?"
"How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?"
 But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
The Lord hears when I call to him.
 When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.
 There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!"
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"
 You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.
I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Hymn #85, vv. 1, 3 "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE
(You are invited to meditate on the words in the hymnal instead of singing while the music is played)

+Prayer of Praise (from the Sioux Nation)

You, O God, are the Lord of the mountains and the valleys. As I travel over mountains and through valleys, I am beneath your feet. You surround me with every kind of creature. Open my eyes to see their beauty, that I may perceive them as the work of your hands. I will rest in your love, with you protecting me as a father protects his children, with you watching over me as a mother watches over her children. Then tomorrow the sun will rise and I will not know where I am; but I know that you will guide my footsteps. In your power, in your thought, all things are abundant.
 (Silent prayer...) **Amen.**

+The Peace of Christ

Christ Opens the Scriptures to Us



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

Lessons from the Scriptures

Acts 3:12-19 Peter tells the Good News in the temple's portico
 This is the Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

1 John 3:1-7 We are God's children
 This is the Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

Solo "Look Within" David Yantis
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

Luke 24:36b-48 The resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples
 This is the Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Donna Goodfriend

Sermon "What Becomes of Children of God?"
 The Rev. Jeffrey McArn
 College Chaplain, Hamilton College

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Fanfare on ‘Sing Praise to God’”

Charle

+Affirmation of Faith – Belhar Confession

We believe

- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things,
- that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;
- that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus, control and harm others.

Life of the Church, Joys and Concerns

hymn of reflection #2193 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

hymn of reflection #2193 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Tithes and Offering

(You can deposit in the plate in the back before or after worship)

Prayer of Dedication

We Go Out As Resurrection People to Serve

Hymn #293

“This Is My Father’s World”

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(You are invited to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

April 18, 2021 ~ The Third Sunday of Easter ~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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Welcome Back Rev. Jeff McArn!

He has been College Chaplain for Hamilton College since 1996, and has served as summer minister for a small church on Grindstone Island in the St. Lawrence River since 2005. For the last seven years he has taught a course in the Religious Studies Department entitled: *American Freedom and Protestant Thought*. Jeff works with both the Protestant Chapel and the Interfaith communities at Hamilton College, where he also works in local community outreach and service-learning initiatives. He has taught classes on “The Art of Listening,” “Conflict Resolution,” and “1968.” He also serves on the boards of the Interfaith Coalition of Greater Utica, the Johnson Park Center, and the National Abolition Hall of Fame & Museum in Peterboro, NY.



THE CALENDAR



Wednesday – **04/21/21:** 8:30 a.m.
Thursday – **04/22/21:** 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Sunday – **04/25/21:** 10:30 a.m.
Sunday – **04/25/21:** After Worship

C.A.M. Meeting
Fair Trade Shoppe
Worship
Deacon’s Meeting

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



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”

Hope House: This month’s wish list still includes the following: **shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste & razors.** Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will be greatly appreciated. They are now serving two meals a day, take-out only and are still looking for volunteers. Questions, please contact Ceil Gilbert at 853-8289 or ceilgilbert@yahoo.com

The Country Pantry: Due to the increase numbers of seniors, **canned soup, chicken and fruit** is needed.

Fair Trade Shoppe: Our spring garden quilled eggs from Vietnam are remarkable in detail and craftsmanship. The set of 4 wooden eggs are covered with dozens of individually coiled paper details in lively colors and patterns, with a flat bottom for standing upright. Also, our new Stoneware Owl Mugs are truly one-of-a-kind featuring dark blue accents with a detailed brown and blue owl design with the beak of the owl slightly raised, for a subtle textured effect. It is microwavable, dishwasher safe and lead free. These and many, many more unique handcrafted items from 38 different countries are available at our **Fair Trade Shoppe, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 South Park Row, Clinton.** Purchasing fair trade ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions. Our hours are 10a.m. to 4p.m. every Thursday and second Saturdays, and also by appointment by calling 315-853-1070. **OUR 25% OFF SALE STILL IS IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Face masks are required. Gloves and hand sanitizers are available.

Members/Friends of the Week:

Barb Greene
Phil & Linda Hale
Bruce Hapanowicz

Prayer Request:

Linell Machold & her mom Louise Dewey
Family Salvation
Peter (Tanya Hamshar’s cousin)
Anne Dunn & family
Emily Massi & family
George Chamberlain
Emily Hughes
Little Falls Presbyterian Church
Andrew Bering
Sara Tolliver
Ruth Hughes
Judi Parsons and family
Jeff Kolb
Jim Kubat
Jane Miller
Judy Logan
Debra LaFont



Dear Lord,

So far today, am I doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.