



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 May 17, 2020 ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Greet the Risen Lord

PRELUDE "Arioso in E-flat Major" C.P.E. Bach
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! / **He is risen indeed!**
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 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever! / **Let us worship God!**

HYMN #258 vs. 1 "Praise Ye the Lord"

Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.
Praise God with the sound of the trum-pet,
Praise God with the lute and the harp;
Praise God with tim-brel and danc-ing,
Praise God wher-ev-er you are.
Praise ye the Lord, Hal-le-lu-jah! Ev-ery-bod-y praise the Lord.
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PRAYER OF PRAISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible veiled from our eyes,
Most holy, most glorious and Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
Unresting, eternal and silent as light,
You rule with compassion in infinite might,
Your clouds are like fountains of goodness and love,
Your justice like mountains that tower above.



You reign in bright glory, you rule in pure light,
Your angels surround you with praise in their flight;
In great "alleluias" our praises are shown,
To you, who in Jesus the Christ would be known.
Amen and amen; alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, again, and amen and amen.



THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 17:22-31 Paul tells the Athenians that
God has set a time for judgment.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

I Peter 3:13-22 Be prepared to tell the good news and endure
suffering.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Sy Miller and Jill Jackson
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

John 14:15-21 Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON "It's Still Easter?"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

HYMN #313 vs. 1 "Come Down, O Love Divine" DOWN AMPNEY

Come down, O Love di-vine, Seek out this soul of mine.
And vis-it it with Your own ar-dor glow-ing.
O Com-fort-er, draw near, With-in my heart ap-pear,
And kin-dle it, Your ho-ly flame be-stow-ing.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared to many faithful witnesses.
We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
the first and the last, the beginning and the end,
our Lord and our God. Amen.**

(1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Revelation 21:6; John 20:8)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16) "debts/debtors"

TITHES AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Joy of the Resurrection

HYMN #466 vs. 1, 4 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

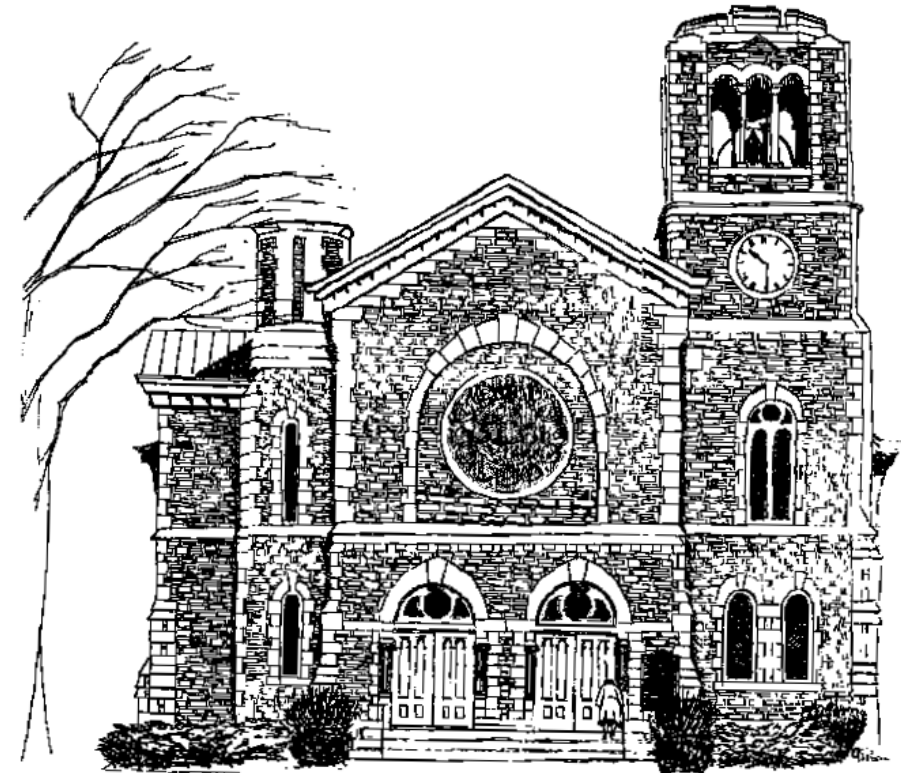
**O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My dear Re-deem-er's praise,
The glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umps of God's grace!
My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,
To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

May 17, 2020 ~ The Sixth 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.*

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