

An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day Stone Presbyterian Church A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation June 14, 2020 ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather in the Name of Chist

PRELUDE "Aurelia" Paul Bunjes (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

O Lord, I am your servant. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

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

Let us worship God.

HYMN #361 vs. 1 "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's ex-cel-lent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for ref-uge to Jes-us have fled?

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

Gracious God, you welcome us, but we pay little heed to your kindness.

You invite us into the joy of peace, but we cling to our anxious ways.

You offer us the food of life, but we prefer the world's unwholesome fare.

In Christ you have shown us what it means to live in amazing grace, but we do not love others as ourselves.

Instead we compete, bad-mouth, complain and live for ourselves.

You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies,

but we prefer to treat them as enemies, not as invited guests.

Our insecurities and frail egos prevent us from the largeness of heart to which we are called in our baptism.

Forgive us, we pray. Show us again the way of life.

Welcome us anew, and change our lives for the better;

in the name of the one who was scorned for eating with sinners,

Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Genesis 18:1-15 A son is promised to Abraham and Sarah.

The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God. Told by Donna Goodfriend

Romans 5:1-8 We are justified by faith.

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

SOLO "Shalom rav (Grant Us Peace)"

Charles Davidson

Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

Matthew 9:35-10:8 The call and mission of the twelve apostles. The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Proclaim—It's More Than Words"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

HYMN #370 vs. 1 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

Just as I am, with-out one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from "The Confession of 1967," PCUSA)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church 's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church 's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. Amen.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

"debts/debtors"

(Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

TITHES AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve Our Call

HYMN #443 vs. 1 "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

AURELIA

O Christ, the great foun-da-tion On which Your peo-ple stand To preach Your true sal-va-tion In ev-ery age and land: Pour out Your Ho-ly Spir-it To make us strong and pure, To keep the faith un-bro-ken As long as worlds en-dure.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

June 14, 2020 ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost ~ 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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