



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 April 26, 2020 ~ The Third Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Greet the Risen Lord

PRELUDE "Because You Live, O Christ" Richard Proulx
(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 #105 vs. 1 "Because You Live, O Christ" VRUECHTEN

Be-cause You live, O Christ,
 The gar-den of the world has come to flow-er,
 The dark-ness of the tomb Is flood-ed with Your re-ur-rec-tion pow-er.
 The stone has rolled a-way And death can-not im-pris-on!
 O sing this Eas-ter Day, For Je-sus Christ has ris-en, has ris-en,
 has ris-en, has ris-en!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Glorious Lord of life,
 by the mighty resurrection of your Son
 you overcame the old order of sin and death
 to make all things new in him.
 Grant that we who celebrate with joy
 Christ's rising from the dead
 may be raised from the death of sin
 to the life of righteousness;
 through him who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 2:14a, 36-41
Peter invites everyone to repent and be baptized.

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

1 Peter 1:17-23 *You have been ransomed by Christ and born anew.*
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Beyond a Dream" David Yantis
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

Luke 24:13-35 *Jesus meets disciples on the road to Emmaus.*
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON "Road Trip"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

HYMN #114 vs. 1 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain!" AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri-um-phant glad-ness;
 God hath brought forth Is-ra-el In-to joy from sad-ness;
 Loosed from Phar-aoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters;
 Led them, with un-moist-ened foot, Through the Red Sea wa-ters.

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

(When you hear “Gracious and Loving God,” please respond, “Hear our prayer”)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16) “debts/debtors”

TITHES AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Hope of the Resurrection

HYMN #2115 vs. 1

“Christ Has Risen”

sung to BEECHER

**Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers,
Christ has ris-en where hope died,
as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubted and de-nied.
Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!**

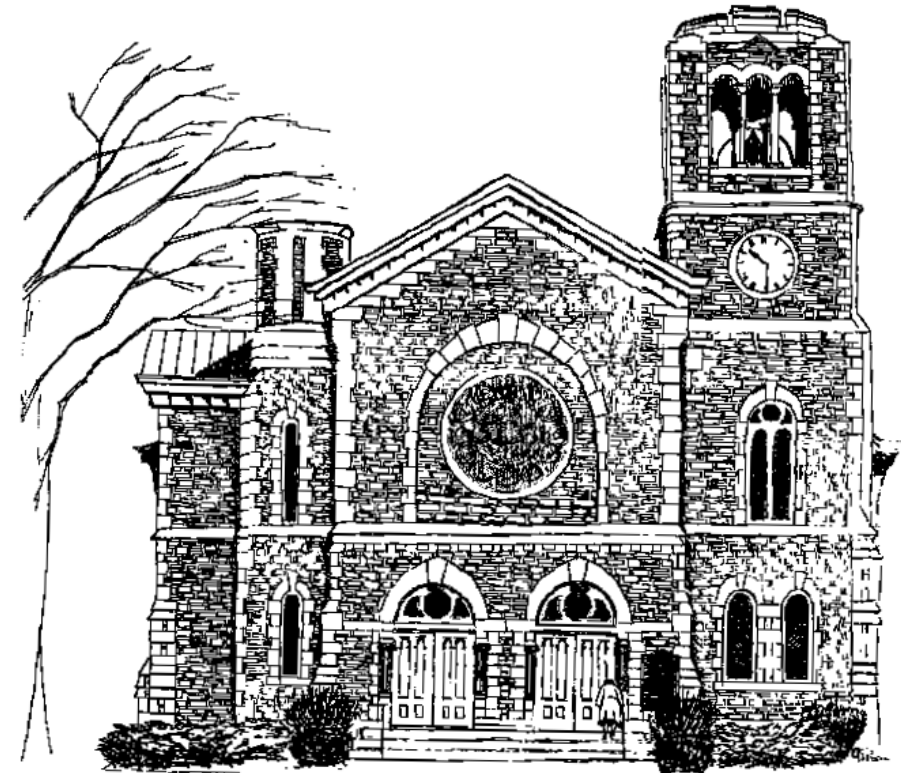
CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

April 26, 2020 ~ 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.*

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