



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 May 10, 2020 ~ The Fifth Sunday of Easter



**We Gather to Greet the Risen Lord**

**PRELUDE** "Our Lord Is Risen from the Dead" J. G. Walther  
 (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 #485 vs. 1** "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glo-ry, great things, He hath done!**  
**So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,**  
**Who yield-ed His life an a-tone-ment for sin,**  
**And o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.**  
**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!**  
**Praise the Lord, praise the lord, Let the peo-ple re-joice!**  
**O come to the Fa-ther through Je-sus the Son, And give Him the glo-ry:**  
**great things He hath done!**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ**  
**is the way, the truth, and the life.**  
**Give us grace to follow in that way,**  
**to know that truth so that loving you and**  
**loving one another, we may obey his commandments**  
**and share in the risen life of our Lord and Savior,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and forever and to ages of ages. 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 7:55-60** *Stephen becomes the first martyr of the new church.*  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**1 Peter 2:2-10** *Be like living stones built into the temple of God.*  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** "What a Wonderful World" Bob Thiele and George David Weiss  
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

**John 14:1-14** *Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.*  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Stepping Stone"

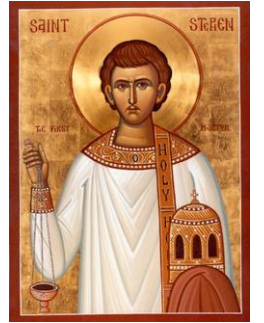
**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

**HYMN #108 vs. 1** "Christ Is Alive!" **TRURO**

**Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing,**  
**The cross stands emp-ty to the sky.**  
**Let streets and homes with prais-es ring.**  
**Love, drowned in death, shall nev-er die.**

**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 #371 vs. 1

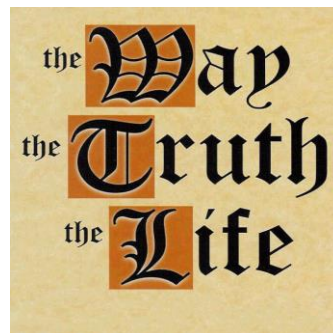
"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim  
Till all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.  
Come, Christ-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod,  
The Lamb vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim  
Till all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

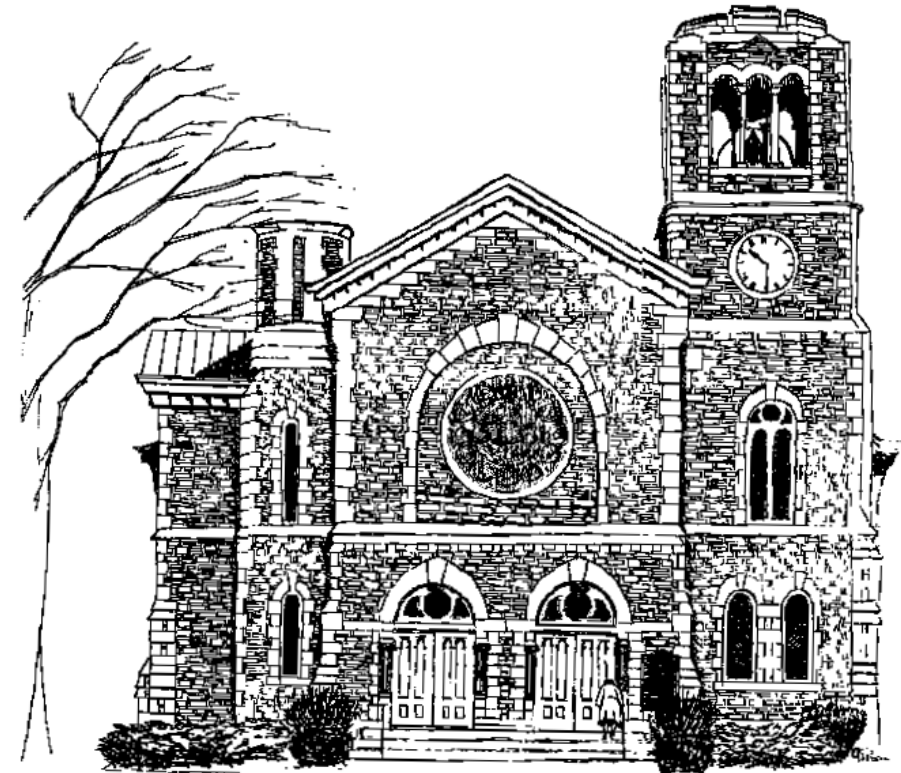
CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

May 10, 2020 ~ The Fifth 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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