



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
July 12, 2020 ~ 6th Sunday after Pentecost**



We Gather in the Name of Christ

PRELUDE "Old Hundredth" Richard Lloyd

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (E. E. Cummings and Psalm 100)

i thank you God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings;and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth.)

**Know that the Lord is God!
It is he that has made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened.)

**For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

HYMN #220 "OLD HUNDREDTH" Words by William Kethe, 1560
(You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with joy, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we gather as a community of faith to worship you who made us,
redeemed us, and who sustains us. We gather to pray and to praise you, O God.
Make us aware of our sinfulness: of the ways in which we have turned from You.
Help us to acknowledge that we do not always come before you with contrite
hearts. We would rather think that we already know the way things ought to be
and we fail to listen to what our neighbor is really saying. Create in us, clean
hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 25: 19-34 Jacob and Esau struggle from before birth

Romans 8:1-11 The Believer's Relationship to the Holy Spirit

SOLO "Prayer of St. Francis" Sebastian Temple
Sung by Rob Kolb

Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23 What does it mean to follow Christ?

SERMON My Faith Story Revisited

We Respond in Prayer and Service

HYMN #408 (see insert)

GERMANY

Words: Frank Mason North, 1905

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpted from “The Confession of 1967”)

New life in Christ takes shape in his community of faith, the church,
in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of who we are.
Therefore we can accept ourselves and love others,
knowing that we have no other ground
on which to stand than the grace of God.
This new life does not release us from conflict
with unbelief, pride, lust and fear.
We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.
Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness
in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer,
bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that our new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

Adapted from “The Confession of 1967” in
The Book of Confessions of the PC (USA)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

“debts/debtors”

(Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

HYMN (sung to “Londonderry Air”)

(see insert)

Words By Bradford Gray Webster, 1954

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“OLD HUNDREDTH”

Johann Christoph Bach

Lauralyn Kolb, *guest preacher*
Grace Whitemore, *liturgist*
Rob Kolb, *organist*

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

July 12, 2020 ~ 6th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:30 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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