



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 July 26, 2020 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather in the Name of Christ

PRELUDE "Praeludium in the Dorian Mode: I" Carlmann Kolb
 (1703-1765)
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord. Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.
 Glory in God's holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek
 God's strength and presence continually.
Praise be to the Lord. Let us worship God.

HYMN #377 v. 1 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
 PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

(You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)

**You have come up to the lakeshore,
 Looking neither for wise nor wealthy.
 You only wanted that I should follow.
 O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,
 And, while smiling, have called out my name.
 Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
 Now with You I will seek other seas.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you call us to find your kingdom already hidden in our world—in tiny,
 transforming possibilities; in beauty that calls us to surrender all; in complicated
 choices that call for wisdom. But we grow tired of searching and working for that
 dream. We grow cynical and hopeless of its arrival. We grow furious at those who
 hold it back. Reveal yourself here, and in our lives, that we may believe again, that
 we may find you in our believing, and join you in building this kingdom of love, of
 hope, and of peace.

**In the name of him who preached your Kingdom Come -- Jesus Christ
 the Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are included in that love.
 Know that we are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
Alleluia! 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

Romans 8:26-39 God's love in Christ Jesus.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness" (Ps. 144/5) Antonin Dvorak
 Sung by Rob Kolb

Matthew 13:31-33 The Kingdom of heaven is like . . .
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Is the Kingdom Growing?" The Rev. Bob Umidi

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "God's Kingdom of Love" from Bruce Prewer

We believe in God's kingdom of love,
 through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us.
 We believe God's kingdom is like a mustard seed;
 sown in apparent insignificance,
 growing into magnificence for the greening of the world.
 We believe God's kingdom is like yeast;
 inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life,
 expanding into enough bread for the world.

We believe in God's kingdom of love,
through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us;
where the meek and the poor, the merciful and the hungry,
rejoice with the angels of God.
Loving God, we believe; scatter our unbelief.
We believe in God's kingdom. 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

(You can deposit in the plate in the back before or after worship)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve Our Call

HYMN #332 v. 1 and 4

"Live into Hope"

TRURO LM

(You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)

**Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.
Th'oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!
Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and
peace.**

CHARGE & BLESSING

+POSTLUDE

"Praeludium in the Dorian Mode: IV"

Carlmann Kolb

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

July 26, 2020 ~ 8th 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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