



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 18, 2020 ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!
 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.
Holy is the Lord! Let us worship at his holy mountain!

HYMN #564 vv. 2-3 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" MATERNA
(See insert for the hymn. You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first together, then in silent reflection)* adapted from Thomas À Kempis (1380 – 1471)
**O Lord, as yet our love is weak,
 our hearts imperfect, and so we have
 great need of your strength and comfort.
 Visit us often, we pray, and instruct us in the way of your law of love.
 And thus, healed and cleansed in spirit,
 may we learn how blissful it is to plunge into the depths of your love.
 Let your love dissolve our hard hearts.
 Let your love reveal to us joy beyond imagination.
 Let us love you more than we love ourselves,
 and let us love ourselves only for your sake.**

**And let us see your love shining in the hearts of all people,
 that we may love them as we love you... (Silent prayer...)
 In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+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

Exodus 33:12-23 *Moses seeks a more intimate knowledge of the Lord.*
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Anne Dunn

Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Paul commends the faith of the Thessalonians.*
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Morning Has Broken" Gaelic Melody

Matthew 22:15-22 *Jesus is questioned about paying taxes.*
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Separation of Church and State" The Rev. Jeff McArn

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

HYMN #289 vv. 1-2 "O God of Every Nation" LLANGLOFFAN
(See insert for the hymn. You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life:
 social and cultural, political and economic, individual and corporate.
 It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be
 fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from God's
 creation.**



The Kingdom of God represents the triumph of God over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation.

Already God's reign is present as ferment in the world, stirring our hope and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

We do not identify limited progress with the Kingdom of God on earth, nor do we despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

In steadfast hope, we look beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.



Adapted from "The Confession of 1967" in
The Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER
"debts/debtors"

(Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

MINUTE FOR MISSION – STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE

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 #420 vv. 1, 3 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA
(You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

"Entrata"

J.S. Bach

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

October 18, 2020 ~ 20th 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.

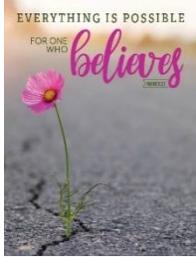
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STEWARDSHIP: Today is the first Sunday of our 2020 Stewardship series – “**Everything is possible for one who believes**”(Mark 9:23) - which will continue next Sunday and culminate with our Consecration Sunday service November 1. This series is designed to help each of us consider our individual relationship to God and to Stone Church and to reveal how we can use our God-given bounty to improve the world. Our financial assets are part of God working in our lives.



We are compelled to step forward with courage; to unstintingly spread love; and to tirelessly encourage others to follow the everlasting way of Christ. Our world has been shaken and reordered so it is almost unrecognizable. But while day to day activities have changed, what is recognizable is the plethora of human need and

God’s reliance upon us to meet that need. Despite upheaval, God’s certainty is unshaken. God is here for all who believe in his grace and presence. Our joyful giving to Stone Church, and our accompanying pledge to labor towards a better world, is a way to demonstrate our willingness to do something good with the abundance God has provided.

Please take the opportunity to participate in these Sunday services and plan to joyfully participate in our special Consecration service on November 1, 2020.

HOPE HOUSE: This month’s wish list includes the following: **BREAKFAST CEREAL, COFFEE, SUGAR, HOT CHOCOLATE, BUTTER OR MARGARINE, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, NAPKINS, TOILET PAPER.** Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will greatly be appreciated. Any questions, contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or ceilgilbert@yahoo.com.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY: The Country Pantry wants **ONLY** the following items this fall: **Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Applesauce, Turkey Gravy, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Green Beans, Shampoo, Toothpaste and KIDSPAK items or Monetary Donations.**

FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: Our Fair Trade chocolate bars are rich in flavor with a smooth, creamy texture that melts in your mouth, made from cocoa and sugar sourced directly from small-scale farmer co-ops in Latin America. We have dark chocolate almond and sea salt (55% cocoa), dark chocolate orange (65% cocoa), and dark chocolate total eclipse (92% cocoa), along with several other flavors. These and many, many more wonderful and unique handmade items from 38 different countries are available at our **Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton.** We are open **every Thursday and the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only, please call 315-853-1070.** All customers will be required to wear a face mask. Gloves and hand sanitizer will be available. Only one



customer group at a time will be allowed inside the shop. Let us be your go-to gift shop! For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, lkolb@hamilton.edu, visit our website at <https://buildingstonesshoppe.square.site> or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION: Since we will be unable to hold our Harvest Pie Sale this fall, we would appreciate monetary donations instead, so that we can continue our mission of year-end donations to the Neighborhood Center, Abraham House, Utica Rescue Mission and Thea Bowman House. Please make checks payable to “Women’s Association” and put them in the collection plate, send them to the church office or to Ceil Gilbert, 16 Old Boorne Drive, Apt. D-13, Clinton, NY. These organizations will be in greater need this year than ever. Thanking you in advance, Ceil Gilbert, Treasurer, Women’s Association.



THE CALENDAR



Tuesday – 10/20/20:	All Day	Office Closed
Thursday – 10/22/20:	10:00 a.m.-	
4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe	
Sunday – 10/25/20:	10:30 a.m.	
Worship		

Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – stonepres.org & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”



PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on “Prayer Request”

Members/Friends of the Week:

Christine Tuttle
Todd & Nancy Rayne
Roger Moore

Prayer Request:

Jim Kubat
Michael Bloser
Melissa & her parents, Peter & Kathy
Pete & Bonnie Robinson
Audrey, Mike and their family
Jane Miller
Tracy Britton
Judy Logan
Rob & Lauralyn Kolb’s grandson - Edmund
Jeff Leonard Kolb
Bev Miller
Bob Umidi
Zach Lewis & family
Brian Daniels & family
Gene Blackburn & family
Jason, Georgette and their family
The Harrison Family
The Moore Family
Ellen Phillips
Pat Joseph
Debra LaFont
Matt Fletcher
Andrew Bering

