



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 February 21, 2021 ~ First Sunday in Lent



*We Join Jesus in the Wilderness*

**PRELUDE** "O God, Be Merciful to Me" Johann Ludwig Krebs  
*(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)*

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**



*CHORAL: Lord, you are my strength: hasten to help me.*

**LEADER:** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**PEOPLE: O my God, in you I trust.**

**LEADER:** Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

**PEOPLE: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;**

*CHORAL: Lord, you are my strength: hasten to help me.*

**LEADER:** Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**PEOPLE: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

*CHORAL: Lord, you are my strength: hasten to help me.*

**CONFESSION.**

**LEADER:** Let us pray together.

**PEOPLE: God of majesty and glory, in the deserts in our lives, we thirst for your grace. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

*Choral response*

**PEOPLE: Forgive us, Loving One. As we follow you through life's wilderness, enable us to cast off that which separates us from you and from one another, trusting you to uphold us and sustain us. Hear us in the silence of our hearts as we lift up to you things in our life that separate us from you and from one another.**

**THE LENTEN WALK**

You are invited to come down the right-side aisle (spaced apart), leave your piece of paper with your note in the desert, and then pass by the communion table to receive your Lenten discipline.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**+THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*We Listen for the Word of God*



**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*(You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)*

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Genesis 9:8-17 God makes a covenant with Noah**  
 This is the Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

**1 Peter 3:18-22 The flood prefigured baptism**  
 This is the Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

**SOLO** "Unconditional Love" David Yantis  
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

**Mark 1:9-15 Jesus' baptism, temptation, and proclamation**  
 Told by Donna Goodfriend  
 This is the Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** "Stand Up" The Rev. Stuart Wattles

## *We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving*

**HYMN #81 vv. 2, 3** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” ST. FLAVIAN  
*(See insert for the hymn. You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)*

### **+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**By grace through faith we believe that salvation is the work of the Spirit of Christ in our lives.**

**This work is nurtured and strengthened by the ministry of the Word and sacraments and prayer.**

**Through faith we respond to the truth and authority of the Word of God with changed lives.**

**We stand in awe of God's judgment, and we embrace God's promises for this life and for the life to come.**

**We accept Christ, receive Christ, and rely upon Christ alone to set us right with God, and to give us abundant new life in the covenant of grace.**

**Our faith is a journey which passes over high peaks and through deep valleys. Though our way be threatened and though we become lost, Christ will prevail, and we shall be found. Amen**

*Adapted from XIV.1-3, The Westminster Confession of Faith (1647)*

### **LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (“debts/debtors”, Traditional, p. 16)

### **TITHES AND OFFERING**

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

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## *We Continue on the Lenten Journey*

**HYMN #100 vv. 1, 4** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ROCKINGHAM  
*(See insert for the hymn. You are encouraged to meditate on the words instead of singing while the music is played)*

### **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “May God Be Gracious Unto Us” Johann Pachelbel

## **STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

**February 21, 2021 ~ First Sunday in Lent ~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.*

### **All the People, Ministers**

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**WELCOME REV. STUART WATTLES:** The Rev. Stuart Wattles retired in 2018 after 42 years of ministry. He has served in 5 different churches, last as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Oneida. He now lives with his wife in Clay, NY and frequently chases after his 2 grandsons, ages 5 & 3.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER:** We had a wonderful virtual Pancake Supper this evening for Shrove Tuesday! Everyone had pancakes the way they wanted (with real maple syrup) and we had a good time visiting! Thanks to all who participated!



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** We had some technical difficulties with the Zoom link for the service and ended up doing Facebook Live also so several people were still able to experience the service. Thanks to Lauralyn Kolb and Pat Joseph as readers over Zoom, Donna Goodfriend as in-person liturgist, Rob Kolb providing the music, and Helen Leonard for videography.

**ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDY 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY:** We start our annual ecumenical Lenten study this Wednesday over Zoom. Pastor Michael Terrel will be the moderator this first week. The Zoom link will be emailed and on our Facebook page. Email Pastor Scott Leonard, srleonard@roadrunner.com, for the link if you don't receive it or can't find it.

**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.

**THE COUNTRY PANTRY:** The country pantry is collecting hygiene products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, items for the kid's packs, as well as money for milk. You may also make a donation thru the church, writing Country Pantry in the memo, or mail it to the Country Pantry, PO Box 76, Clinton, NY 1332

**FAIR TRADE SHOPPE:** Looking for a gift for that person who has everything? Look no further than our **Fair Trade Shoppe at Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton** We are having our annual 25% off sale the rest of February. We are open every Thursday & the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 4:00 pm and also by appointment by calling **315-853-1070 or 315-725-1417.** 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. For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, lkolb@hamilton.edu, 315-725-1326, visit our website at <https://buildingstoneshoppe.square.site> or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe](https://www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe)

**ON FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>** let's make it a unique Sunday, a day when each of us shows we care by making a special contribution to a charity of our choice. It will be a very concrete way for each of us to end February by moving away from the darkness associated with lack of involvement to the light of making a difference.



**THE CALENDAR**



Wednesday – **02/24/21:** 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday - **02/25/21:** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday – **02/28/21:** 10:30 a.m.

**Ecumenical Lenten Study  
 Fair Trade Shoppe  
 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](http://www.stonepres.org) and click on “Prayer Request”

**Members/Friends of the Week:**

Richard & Sue Raitt  
 Cheryl Porter  
 Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Pugh

**Attention!**

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**Prayer Request:**

Rev. Abraham Esper  
 George Chamberlain  
 Family of Beverly Sullivan  
 Emily Hughes  
 The Zuchowski Family  
 Little Falls Presbyterian Church  
 Julie Milograno  
 Bonnie Felshaw  
 Andrew Bering  
 Sara Tolliver  
 Ruth Hughes  
 Judi Parsons and family  
 Jeff Kolb  
 Jim Kubat  
 Jane Miller  
 Judy Logan  
 Pat Joseph  
 Debra LaFont

