

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Love One Another”
Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

Germaine Habjan

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

October 3, 2021 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost ~10:30 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

World Communion Sunday



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(Traditional, p. 16)

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

... joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir: (SINGING: DOVE OF PEACE (x2))
O Holy, holy, holy Lord, Creator of all things,
Your glory fills the universe;
Your praise creation sings, your praise creation sings!

We bless the one who comes to us and bears your holy name;
Hosanna now we sing aloud,
And all your mercies claim, and all your mercies claim!

... as we share this joyful feast, singing: (SINGING: DOVE OF PEACE)
We sing the news that Christ has died, is risen our lives to gain;
He rules the world and prays for us,
And Christ will come again, and Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles where we will partake together.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve in the World That God So Loves

+ HYMN #376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” sung to BEECHER

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL RESPONSE

+ POSTLUDE



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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An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 3, 2021 ~ World Communion Sunday



We Gather in the Name of the One in Whom We Serve

PRELUDE "Prelude on a Theme of Arcadelt" Franz Liszt
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)
 (see insert)

+ HYMN #507 "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE
 (+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first together, then in silent reflection)
 (see insert)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY "From All That Dwell below the Skies" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies,
 Let the Creator's praise arise—Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
 And praise the Spirit every tongue,
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING
 (You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES
Genesis 2:18-24 God creates a companion for the man.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.



Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 God has spoken through a suffering Son.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

Mark 10:2-16 Teaching on divorce/blessing the children.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON "On the Level"

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+ HYMN #498 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" KINGDOM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 +++ Graham Nolan Massi +++
 Son of Emily and Peter Massi

PRESENTATION
 THE MEANING OF BAPTISM
 QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY
 QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION
 PROFESSION OF FAITH



I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER
 NAMING OF THE CHILD OF THE COVENANT & THE BAPTISM
 PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE
 PRESENTATION
 LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.



Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field.

People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first together, then silent reflection)



**God of every people and nation,
we confess that we have not lived as global citizens in your new realm of justice and peace.**

We build up dividing walls in the world.

We contribute to division in the church.

We ignore the suffering in distant nations and live in fear of our closest neighbors.

Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your Spirit of peace upon us, break down the dividing walls among us,



**and raise us up to be a holy temple
—your temple of peace in the world—**

built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ,

in whose holy name we pray. Amen.



Today we celebrate **the baptism of Graham Nolan Massi**, son of Emily and Peter Massi and brothers Jacob and Nathan.

Blessing of the Animals: In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis come join us for an Ecumenical Service for the Blessing of the Animals today @ 1:00 p.m. on the Village Green, sponsored by the Clinton Area Ministerium. The purpose is to bring awareness to the need of pet food to a food bank, often failing to recognize that many folks living on a fixed income, often alone, have companion animals that need support as well. You are invited to bring your pet, or have your pet blessed virtually by picture or digital image. Donations of pet food and supplies will be collected for pets of Country Pantry clients.

Hope House: This month's wish list includes the following: **shampoo conditioner, soap, toothpaste, razors and VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN COMMIT TO ONE OR TWO REGULAR PICKUPS A WEEK.** IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL HOPE HOUSE AT 315-793-3723. Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will be greatly appreciated. Any questions, contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or ceilgilbert@yahoo.com

The Country Pantry needs packages of gravy mix, no glass bottles please, and cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving. For Christmas they are focusing on collecting children's lap blankets but will take adult ones as well. Any donation of food or money will be accepted. As always, the pantry is very thankful for your support.

Fair Trade Shoppe: Our owl and sunflower stakes are recycled metal garden which add color and movement to autumn gardens and flower beds. They are hand embossed and painted by Haitian artists and clear coated for weather resistance. Our hummingbird stake also makes a colorful companion in the garden. The flower wreath, recycled from oil drums makes a dynamic work of art for the wall, indoor or out. In July, Haiti experienced an earthquake in which nearly 2,400 lives were lost, 10,000 people injured and 13,000 homes were destroyed. You can help the people of Haiti by shopping at our **FAIR TRADE SHOPPE.** Our hours are 10am to 4pm every Thursday, second Saturdays and also at the **FARMER'S MARKET** on the **VILLAGE GREEN** on Thursdays from 10am to 4pm until October 7th.



The Women's Association will be holding our annual **Harvest Pie Sale on Saturday, October 9th, 2021, from 10am to 2pm.** We would love donations of all kinds of pies, but the focus will be on apple. We will be featuring our "drive-thru pies" again. We would appreciate monetary donations, if you are unable to bake. The proceeds from this sale will go to support our various mission projects. As always, we will be needing help selling the pies too. For more information, contact Ceil Gilbert at 315-853-8289 or Donna Goodfriend at 315-749-4085. Sign-up sheets will be available.





THE CALENDAR



Today – 10/03/21:	1:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals
Thursday – 10/07/21:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday – 10/09/21:	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Pie Sale
Saturday – 10/09/21:	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday – 10/10/21:	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday – 10/11/21:	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Session Meeting



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

Greeters, Hosts and Communion: Helen Leonard

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:

Midge Bakos
Cros Harvey
Bill Henry



Just to be on the safe side, we are asking everyone to wear masks during worship services until further notice. Thank you.



Prayer Request:

Erin Todd
Pat Joseph
Lori Chamberlain
Sue Raitt
Doug White
Dave & Trish Harris
Anne Dunn & family
Jeff Kolb
Jim Kubat
Debra LaFont

