

## *We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving*

+HYMN #85      “What Wondrous Love Is This”      WONDROUS LOVE

### + AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

Adapted from the “Confession of 1967,” *Book of Confessions*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations...**

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.**

**In God’s reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary.**

**The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.**

**Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellowmen, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess. Amen.**

### LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional, p. 16)

OFFERTORY      “Fantasia”      J. S. Bach

+A DOXOLOGY #593      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Avery and Marsh

### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

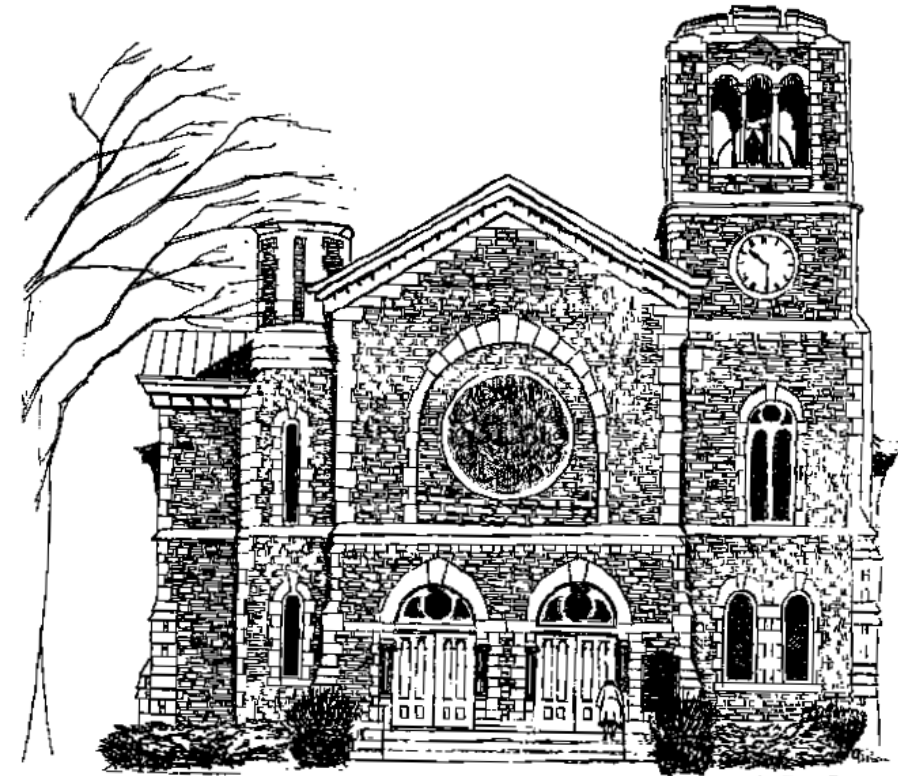
## *We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ*

+HYMN #372      “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”      I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

### +CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### +POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**  
October 17, 2021 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> 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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An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 October 17, 2021 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost



**We Gather in the Name of the One Who Came to Serve**

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

**POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Because we have made the LORD our refuge,  
**Because the Most High is our dwelling place,**  
 God will command his angels concerning us  
**And will guard us in all your ways.**  
 On their hands they will bear you up,  
**So that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**  
 When we offer love to God,  
**We will be delivered.**  
 When we call to the Lord  
**God will answer us, and be with us in troubled times.**  
 The Lord honors us with life,  
**And shows us salvation! Let us worship the Lord our God.**

+ HYMN #370 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" WOODWORTH  
*(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)*

**WELCOME**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leslie Weatherhead (1883 – 1975)  
*(first together, then in silent reflection)*

**Dear Lord, forgive me that so much of my religion is concerned with myself. I want harmony with you, I want peace of mind, I want health of body... and so I pray. Forgive me, for I have made you the means, and myself the end.**

**I know it will take long to wean me from this terrible self-concern, but O God, help me. For hell can be nothing else but a life on which self is the center.**

**Can we ever abandon ourselves as one would a sinking ship, only to find that the waves will bear us up and a divine hand will rescue us? My salvation can come only from you, O Lord. Leave me not. Forgive and uphold me and make me truly yours in utter commitment to you ... Amen.**

**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 "amen" aloud.)*

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Isaiah 53:4-12 All we like sheep have gone astray.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**Hebrews 5:1-10 Christ is a humble, sympathetic high priest.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Psalm 91" G. Roberts Kolb  
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

**Mark 10:35-45 James and John request the best seats.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON "Servant Leadership"



**Souper Sunday** is **next Sunday**, October 17th. Please help Your Neighbors by bringing a tasty pot of soup to church. After our regular service, we will work on packaging and labeling our various soups which then will be transported to be stocked into Your Neighbors' freezers at Zion Lutheran church. Thanks so much for participating in this activity.

**Coming Attraction!!** Don't miss participating in our Sunday Stewardship events. October 24, 31 and Nov 7 will be special Sundays as we explore and celebrate James 1:17 during worship.



**Baptism of Graham Massi**, son of Peter and Emily Massi, 10/3/21—World Communion Sunday! Such a joy for all after a year and half of a pandemic!



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**Blessing of the Animals:** Though the rain had stopped, a light turnout, but appreciated by those who came for the Blessing of the Animals! Thanks to Michael Terrell, Jean Skinner, and Janet Griffiths along with me for doing the service!



**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 stakes



which add color and movement to autumn gardens and flower beds. They are hand cut, 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 10a.m. to 4p.m. every Thursday and second Saturday of the month. For now, face masks are required. **LET US BE YOUR GO-TO GIFT SHOP!** For more information, go to <https://buildingstoneshoppe.square.site> or [www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe](https://www.facebook.com/buildingstonesfairtradeshoppe).



## THE CALENDAR



Monday – 10/11/21: 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
 Thursday – 10/14/21: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday – 10/17/21: 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday – 10/17/21: After Worship

Session Meeting  
 Fair Trade Shoppe  
 Worship  
 Souper Sunday



Want to see what else is on the calendar? Go to our Web page – [stonepres.org](http://stonepres.org) & click on the “CALENDAR ICON”

**Greeter and Host:** Beverly Miller

**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:

Mary Chamberlain  
 Kevin Lawson  
 Rose Leonard

### Prayer Request:

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



\*Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again.\*