



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 January 16, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany



We Gather as the People of Christ

PRELUDE "O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright" Michael Praetoriou

(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (by Erik Alsgaard, *Ministry Matters*)

Leader: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

People: your steadfast love finds us.

Leader: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

People: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

Leader: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

People: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

Leader: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

People: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

All: Thanks be to God!

+HYMN #483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

You have given us many gifts, O Lord, and we have failed to thank you. We have envied the gifts of others and wished for that which we do not have. We have not loved you, Lord, as you have loved us. We have been like children who accepted love without knowing its cost. Forgive us, we pray, for every act of betrayal, every failure to be kind, every gratification of self, and every blindness to the needs of others. Come and dwell in us with your spirit of generosity, that we may bless the world with the gifts you have given us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! / **Thanks be to God.**

+A DOXOLOGY #579

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

+ 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 62:1-5 – The vindication and salvation of Zion

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 – There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. J. Rosamund Johnson

Sung by G. Roberts Kolb

John 2:1-11 – The wedding at Cana

The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

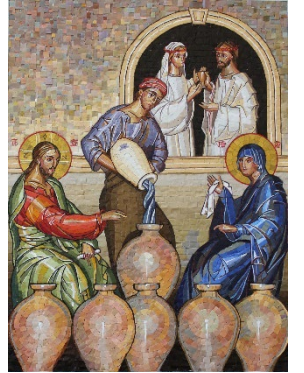
SERMON

"Revelation and Belief"

Helen Tracy

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #69 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET



+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

From "A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada"

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"debts/debtors"

Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16

OFFERTORY "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Dietrich Buxtehude

+A DOXOLOGY #592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Love and Serve the Lord

+HYMN #427 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" BLAENHAFREN

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 16, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany ~ 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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