

SERMON

“There is No "I" in Team”

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+ HYMN #331 “Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written” WYLDE GREEN

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (I Corinthians 15:3-8, Revelation 21:6; John 20:8)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins,  
according to the Scriptures, that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God,  
the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD’S PRAYER  
“debts/debtors” (Traditional, Hymnal, p. 16)

OFFERTORY “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” J. G. Walther

+A DOXOLOGY #592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We Go Out to Tell the Story in Word and in Deed**

+ HYMN #324 “Open My Eyes That I May See” OPEN MY EYES

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

January 23, 2022 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
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 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
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**We Gather to Worship**

PRELUDE "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" J. S. Bach

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER  
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the skies proclaim God's handiwork

PEOPLE: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

LEADER: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

PEOPLE: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

LEADER: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

PEOPLE: Let us worship God.

+ HYMN #454 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" LIEBSTER JESU  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

We confess to one another and to you that we have been lax about learning your story.

We have not devoted ourselves to the study of scripture as we ought, and we often feel ourselves inadequate for the task of sharing our faith as a result.

We confess that we have allowed our lives to be shaped more by the stories of consumerism, nationalism and pop culture than by the riches of your Word.

We ask for the grace to renew our quest for your truth, to be people who live a storied faith that seeks understanding.  
 We ask as well to be made more attentive to the stories of others.  
 Help us to listen with interest and compassion to those who need to tell their stories.

Let holy listening be a blessing—for teller and listener alike.  
 As we ask your forgiveness for all our sins this day, we pray that you will give us grace to be forgiving people, incorporating the story of your great mercy into our own life stories, that our faith may not be just about what happened "back then" and "over there" but "right here" and "right now."  
 In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ A DOXOLOGY #579 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

+ 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

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*  
 – Ezra reads the scriptures in public.  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a* – The church is the body of Christ.  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SOLO "Make us One"  
 "The Body of Christ"  
 Sung by G. Roberts Kolb Carol Cymbala  
 David Yantis

*Luke 4:14-21* – Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth.  
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God

