

SERMON

“Much to Be Desired”

We Respond in Faith

+HYMN #353 “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here” to MELITA

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (together)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Excerpted from "A Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith" in
The Book of Confessions of the PC (USA)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER

“debts/debtors” (Traditional, Hymnal, p. 16)
(when you hear, “Lord, in your mercy”, respond with “hear our prayer.”)

OFFERTORY “Melita” Adrian Vernon Fish

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN #351 “Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart” to REST

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

March 13, 2022 ~ Second 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.

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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 Join Jesus in the Wilderness

PRELUDE "The God of Abraham Praise" Richard Proulx

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

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (see insert)

LEADER: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

PEOPLE: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

LEADER: One thing I asked of the LORD: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

PEOPLE: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

LEADER: I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

PEOPLE: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

LEADER: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

PEOPLE: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

LEADER: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

PEOPLE: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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

PEOPLE: Let us worship God.

+ **HYMN #488** "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI
(+Those who are able may stand. Please see announcements insert for this hymn)

THE LENTEN CANDLES

THE LENTEN WALK

You are invited to come down the right-side aisle, place your "post-it for peace" on the map of the world, then walk by the communion table to receive your Lenten discipline.

CONFESSION OF SIN (first together then in silent reflection)

Gracious God, we confess to you and to one another that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips are ashamed to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, the guilt that has become for us a consuming fire. Free us from a past we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed.

Give us grace to see beyond our sight some sign of your promise, some glimpse of your purpose, and give us grace to grow more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ, the light and life; for we ask it in his name. Amen.

RESPONSE #2275 "Kyrie" (Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy)

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

+ **A DOXOLOGY #578** "Glory Be to the Father" OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+ **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 15:1-12, 17-18 *The covenant with Abraham.*
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 3:17-4:1 *We are citizens of heaven.*
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "I Am the Vine"
G. Roberts Kolb, soloist

Luke 13:31 35 *Jesus laments Jerusalem's failure at peace.*
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

