



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 April 24, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ

PRELUDE "Maccabeus" Richard Shephard
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 118)

LEADER: The LORD is my strength and my might;

PEOPLE: The Lord has become my salvation.

LEADER: There are glad songs of victory in our tents!

PEOPLE: I shall not die, but I shall live!

LEADER: Open to me the gates of righteousness

PEOPLE: So that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

+HYMN #122 "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS
 (+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (together) Erasmus (1467 – 1536)

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the sun that always rises, but never sets. You are the source of all life, creating and sustaining every living thing. You are the source of all food – material and spiritual – nourishing us in both body and soul. You are the light that dispels the clouds of error and doubt, and goes before me every hour of the day, guiding my thoughts and my actions. May I walk in your light, be nourished by your food, be sustained by your mercy, and be warmed by your love... (Silent prayer...) Amen.

+ HYMN #108 "Christ Is Alive" TRURO

+ **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
 The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. / **And also with you.**

The Risen Christ Opens the Scriptures to Us

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 5:27-32 – Standing firm as witnesses.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 1:4-8 – Praise to the Alpha and Omega.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Every Morning Is Easter Morning" Richard Avery & Donald Marsh
 G. Roberts Kolb, soloist

John 20:19-31 – Jesus appears to Thomas.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.** Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON "Faith in Reality"

We Respond in Faith & Thanksgiving

+HYMN #117 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!" O FILII ET FILIAE

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the "Confession of 1967")

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of God who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. With believers in every time and



place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY "O Filii et Filiae" Charles Callahan

+A DOXOLOGY #592 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!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Joy of the Resurrection

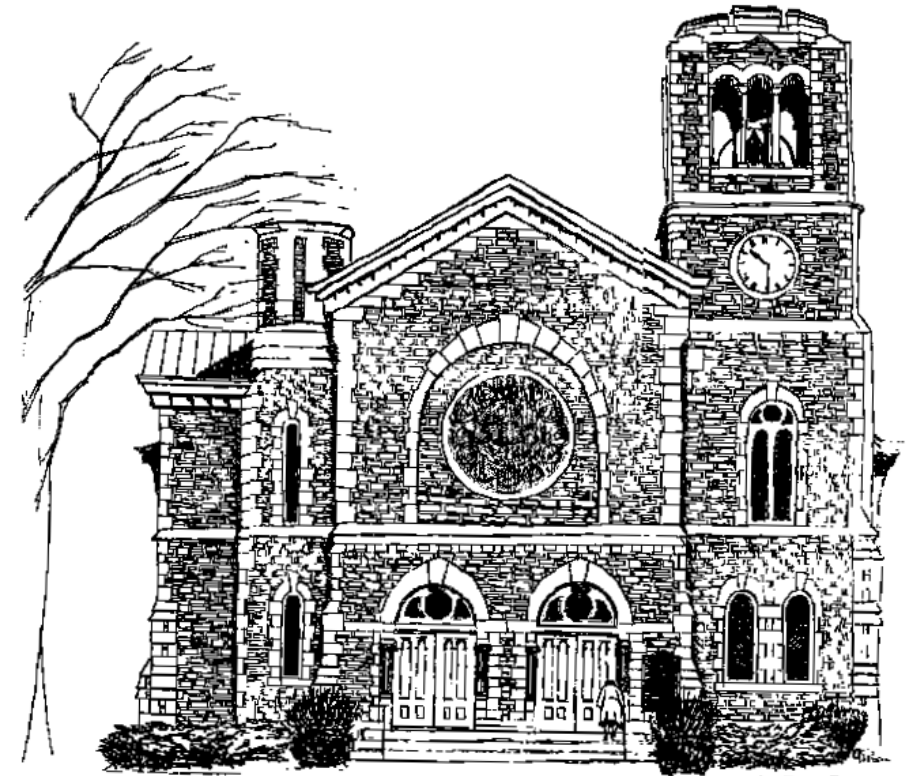
+HYMN #106 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" ALLELUIA NO. 1

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

April 24, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Easter ~ 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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