



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 May 15, 2022 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ

PRELUDE "Because You Live, O Christ" Charles Callahan
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT AND POURING OF BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise God from the heights!
 Leader: Praise the Lord, you angels. Sing praise, you heavenly host!
People: Praise the Lord, O sun and moon. Join in song, O shining stars!
 Leader: Praise the Lord, snow and rain. Blow loud, wind and storm!
People: Praise the Lord, O trees. Dance with joy, O birds!
 Leader: Praise the Lord, women and men. Rejoice, children and rulers!
People: Praise the Lord, weak and strong. Sing for joy, timid and bold!
 Leader: Praise the Lord, mothers and aunts. Give praise, grandfathers and cousins!
All: Let all creation praise God's name! Praise the Lord!



+HYMN #2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" BEACH SPRING
(+ Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

God of all people, our hearts are too narrow, our perspectives are too small. We reject those who are not like us – those with different political opinions, those who struggle with mental illness, those who disagree with us. We forget that all are your beloved children and neglect your call to love one another.
 Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed to be a people known by our love. Show us how to be more caring. Teach us how to love one another and make us faithful disciples. 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

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 11:1-18 Peter's vision of inclusion changes the church.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 21:1-6 John sees the new heaven and new earth.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "What a Wonderful World" Bob Thiele and George David Weiss
 G. Roberts Kolb, soloist

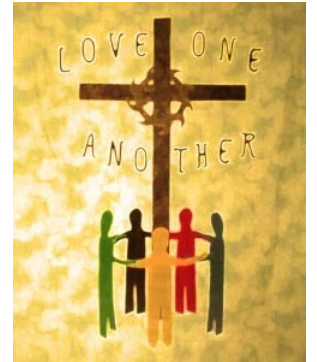
John 13:31-35 Jesus gives a new commandment.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

We Respond in Faith & Thanksgiving

+HYMN #358 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

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+ 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 "Arise Is the Holy Christ" J. G. Walther

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Love and Serve the Lord

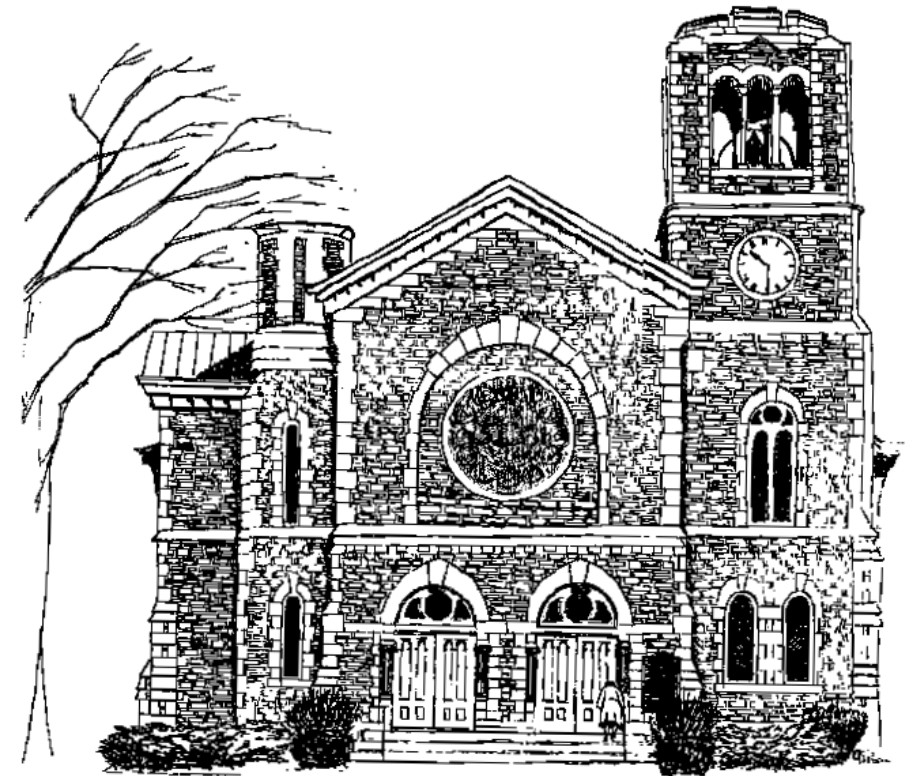
+HYMN #345 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" REST

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

May 15, 2022 ~ The Fifth 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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