



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 February 19, 2017 ~ Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE "Mannheim" Christopher Tambling
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship.)

INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ho, everyone who thirsts...
All: Come to the waters.
 Leader: You that have no money...
All: Come, buy and eat!
 Leader: Why do we spend our money for that which is not bread?
All: Why do we labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Leader: Seek the Lord while our God may be found!
All: Let us call upon the Lord while our God is near.
 Leader: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts," says the Lord.
All: "Nor are your ways my ways."
 Leader: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
All: "So are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."
Let us worship the Lord, our God and our mysterious Light.

+HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (to BEECHER)
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(first together, then in silent reflection)
Living and merciful God,
we confess that we too often forget that we are yours.
Daily we ignore you,
carrying on as though you do not exist.



Our lives fail to reflect your purposes.
Our behavior falls short of being a credible witness.
For all our sin we ask your forgiveness and we seek your strength.
Give us clear minds and open hearts that we may live changed lives.
Remind us day by day to demonstrate your love in our lives.
Hold us close to you that we may be merciful to others
and may reach out with your peace to a world in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #579 "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.")

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 The law comes down to love.
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your law.

Presbyterian Refrain 5
 Hal H. Hopson



O Lord, my de-light, my de-light is in your law.

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ANTHEM "My God, My Portion" American Folk Hymn, arr. Hopkins

I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

We are all builders of God's temple.
TOLD BY DONNA GOODFRIEND

Matthew 5:38-48

Not retaliation, but love.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

Unnatural Love

We Respond in Faith and Thanksgiving

+HYMN #2171 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" CHANNEL OF PEACE

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)* *The Hymnal, p. 14*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER "debts/debtors"
(Traditional, *Hymnal, p. 16*)

OFFERTORY "Song 1" Norman Warren

+A DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let our Redeemer's name be sung,
And praise the Spirit, every tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go to Live Out Our Call to Discipleship

+HYMN #2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" CHILDREN PRAYING

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
February 19, 2017 ~ Seventh 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.

All the People, Ministers

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WELCOME to the worship of God at Stone Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Presbytery of Utica.

THE CALENDAR

Monday:	6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday:	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday:	9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Scott Leonard

GREETERS & HOSTS: Hal & Linda Rance

PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to add someone to our prayer list or would like to receive the prayer list for daily prayer, please go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on "Prayer Request" or call the church office at 853-2933.

Ewa Lawrence
Doris Locke
Judy Raney
Moore family
Lynn
Joann
Florence Morgan
Esther Kanipe
Carolyn Barnum
Debra LaFont
Emily Massi and family
Elizabeth Willson

Members/Friends of the Week:
1 st Presby. Church, Cooperstown
Danuta and Boleslaw (Ewa's parents)
Carole Grove
Chris Woods and his family
Family of Kelly Connors-Sugarman
Susanne Max (Emily Hughes' sister)
Shirley & JoAnn Tolbert
Family & friends of Carol Gilley
Robert Simon
Willis Monie
Ashley Harris

HOPE HOUSE'S WISH LIST: This month's wish list includes the following: breakfast cereal, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, butter or margarine; deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, napkins, toilet paper. Please leave items in the narthex. Questions? See Ceil Gilbert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DORIS LOCKE! She will celebrate her 92nd birthday on February 20. We wish her a very special day!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Be sure to reserve Wednesday evenings in March for the Lenten video series hosted by St. James.

Elders
<i>Class of 2017:</i>
Donna Goodfriend
John Menard
Peter Massi
<i>Class of 2018:</i>
Mary Ann Stiefvater
Sherry Robinson
Emily Hughes
<i>Class of 2019:</i>
Elizabeth Smith
David Duncan

Deacons
<i>Class of 2017:</i>
Mary Chamberlain
Emily Massi
<i>Class of 2018:</i>
Gary LaGasse
Judy LaGasse
Bev Miller
<i>Class of 2019:</i>
Jim Gavett
Helen Leonard
Brooke Villiere
Grace Whittemore

FAIR TRADE SHOPPE: The shop is open every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The shop sells fair trade products from around the world. Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development, and hope to marginalized people. Items include jewelry, accessories, collectibles, clothing, baskets, carved stone and wood, and much more. Gift certificates are available. For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, visit our website at www.stonepres.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stonepres.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY would appreciate donations of chili, soup, peanut butter, and beef stew. Please leave items in the back of the sanctuary. Please note that loose change collected in worship on third Sundays is sent to the Country Pantry. Questions? See Judy LaGasse.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Oneida County Habitat is looking for volunteers to help cover the Restore operations. We need volunteers who can provide customer service, clean and maintain the inventory within the Restore and help as cashiers. The shifts of operation are: Tuesday 12:00 to 4:00 pm, Wednesday through Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If interested, please contact us at volunteers@oneidacountyhabitat.org. Thank you, Debra Briggs, Volunteer Administrator