An Order of Worship for the Lord’s Day
Stone Presbyterian Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
March 12, 2017 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent

We Join Jesus in the Wilderness

PRELUDE  “Leoni” Richard Proulx
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT  “Timor et tremor” Francis Poulenc
(as the baptismal water is poured)

CALL TO WORSHIP
…For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

HYMN #488  “The God of Abraham Praise” LEONI
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

THE LENTEN WALK  “Gott der Vater, wohn uns bei” Arnold von Bruck
You are invited to come down the right side aisle, put a heart on the globe in the
desert, and pass by the communion table to receive your Lenten discipline.

CONFESSION OF SIN
…This we confess.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #578  “Glory Be to the Father” OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHORAL RESPONSE  “O nata lux” Morten Lauridsen

We Listen for the Word of God

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
(You are invited to say the “amen” aloud.)

THE WORD FROM THE SCRIPTURES
Gen 12:1–4a  The call of Abram
TOLD BY ANNE DUNN
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God
Ps 137  “Super flumina Babylonis”
Luca Marenzio

Rom 4:1–5, 13–17  God’s promise realized through faith
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

John 3:1–17  Jesus and Nicodemus

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

HYMN #87  “The Glory of These Forty Days” to O WALY WALY

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH  The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)
The Hymnal, p. 15

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS
(Traditional, p. 16)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE  “O Padre nostro” Guiseppe Verdi

OFFERTORY  “By the Waters of Babylon” Edwin Fissinger

HYMN #592  “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We Continue on the Lenten Journey

HYMN #79 “Kind Maker of the World” to GERMANY

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “Deep River” arr. Clausen
(congregation seated) “Mary Wore Three Links of Chain” arr. Kolb

POSTLUDE

Hamilton College Choir at Stone Church March 10, 2013

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
March 12, 2017 ~ The 2nd 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.

All the People, Ministers

Scott Leonard, Commissioned Lay Pastor
G. Roberts Kolb, Director of Music
Gerald G. Platz, Pastor Emeritus
Peggy Weldon, Office Administrator
Jesse Miller, Sexton

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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: 7 p.m.  Session
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.  Clinton Area Ministerium – Lutheran Home
            6 p.m.  Lenten Series – St. James
Thursday: 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  Worship with Scott Leonard

GREETERS & HOSTS: Mary Chamberlain

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.

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: This month’s wish list includes the following: Milk money, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, salad dressing, deodorant. Milk money: One of their most frequent purchases is something essential in most households: milk. It is something that is not often donated and it is the best way to meet the Food Bank’s nutritional standards. Hope House uses anywhere from 28-40 gallons of milk each week! Any donation that you designate for milk will help them to meet these needs. Please leave items in the narthex. Questions? Contact Ceil Gilbert.

CLINTON AREA MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERIES

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at St. James

Mar 8  The Rev. Janet Griffiths and Patsy Glista, AIM  Session 1 “Discovering the Rebel Jesus”
Mar 15  The Rev. Jeff Hale  Session 2 "Revolutionary Lifestyle”
Mar 22  Scott Leonard, CLP  Session 3 “The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer”
          (Stone supplies the soup and bread this week)
Mar 29  The Rev. Fr. John Croghan  Session 4 “Seeing Jesus Today”
Apr 5  Karen Anderson and the Rev. Jeff McArn  Session 5 “The Way of the Cross” and Session 6 “Resurrection”

Questions? See Judy LaGasse.

WINTER IS NOT OVER YET! Come in and check out our nice warm, comfortable organically grown cotton socks and organic wool socks. Yes, we have a wide variety of Maggie’s socks (made in the United States) which will keep your feet warm for the remainder of the winter season. We also have leggings, camisoles, skirts, tops and much more. Our products are fair trade items 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. Our Fair Trade Shop at Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 S. Park Row, Clinton is open every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and second Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The entrance to our shop is on Williams Street. For further information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, lkolb@hamilton.edu, 315-725-1326

THE COUNTRY PANTRY would appreciate donations of pineapple, apple sauce, sweet potatoes, boxed potatoes, and vegetables. 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.

Ewa Lawrence  Doris Locke  Judy Raney  Moor family  Lynn  Joann  Florence Morgan  Esther Kanipe  Carolyn Barnum  Debra LaFont  Emily Massi and family  Elizabeth Willson  Ashley Harris  Thomas Bowman

Members/Friends of the Week:

   1st Presby. Church, Holland Patent
   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
   Katrina and David and baby due in March
   Jennifer and Jeff and baby Daniel Jacob
due July 4

We welcome THE HAMILTON COLLEGE CHOIR this morning.