

# AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 14, 2010 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

## We Join Jesus in the Wilderness

PRELUDE *Impovisation on "There Is a Balm in Gilead"* Charles Callahan



CHORAL INTROIT  
& POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

... Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #83 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* DEO GRACIAS  
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

THE LENTEN WALK

You are invited to come down the right side aisle, take and eat a piece of unleavened bread,  
and then to pass by the communion table to receive your Lenten discipline.

CONFESSION OF SIN (in silence, then responsively)

...this we confess.

**Lord, have mercy.**

...this we confess.

**Christ, have mercy.**

...this we confess.

**Lord, have mercy.**

+KYRIE #573

*Lord, Have Mercy*



THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

+A DOXOLOGY #578

*Glory Be to the Father*

OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION – One Great Hour of Sharing – Lauralyn Kolb

## We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

(You are invited to say the concluding "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

*Joshua 5:9-12 – The Israelites enjoy the first taste of the Promised Land.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

*Psalm 32 – Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.*

DAVID CLARK ISELE



You are my hid - ing place, O Lord.

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*II Cor 5:16-21 – We are a new creation in Christ.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

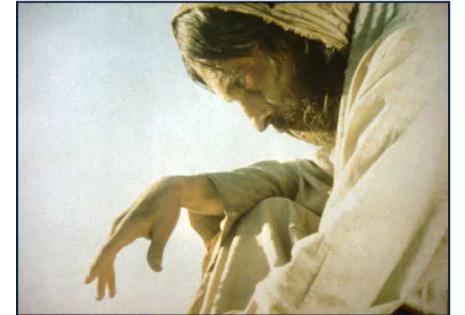
William L. Dawson

*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 – The prodigal son and his brother*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*A Fresh Start*



*We Respond in Faith*

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH From "The Confession of 1967," The Book of Confessions

New life in Christ takes shape in his community of faith, the church, in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of who we are. Therefore we can accept ourselves and love others, knowing that we have no other ground on which to stand than the grace of God. This new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust and fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that our new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

+HYMN #85            *What Wondrous Love Is This*            WONDROUS LOVE

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

OFFERTORY            *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*            Charles Callahan

+A DOXOLOGY            OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, you heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*We Go Out to Serve*

+HYMN #2169            *God, How Can We Forgive*            LEONI

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

March 14, 2010 ~ The 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*



**A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION**

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Dennis Dewey, Designated Pastor  
G. Roberts Kolb, Director of Music  
Gerald G. Platz, Pastor Emeritus  
Peggy Weldon, Office Administrator  
Cros Harvey, Sexton  
All the People, Ministers

## THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday:	5:30 p.m.	Worship, Education and Program Mtg
	7:00 p.m.	Storytellers meet
Thursday:	6:00 p.m.	Lenten study
Friday:	10:00 a.m.	Jim Francis' memorial service
Next Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study on John's Gospel
	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Stone
	12:00 p.m.	Storytellers' Rehearsal for "John"

**THIS MORNING'S USHERS/HOSTS:** Jim Gavett & Helen Leonard

**SINGING OUR FAITH:** This year's Lenten study opportunity is led by our Director of Music, G. Roberts Kolb, and the Pastor as we take a closer look at the hymns of our faith—where they come from, who wrote them, why they “work” both as lyrics and musical setting, what they say about God and the life of discipleship. This “singing study” will provide us with good fellowship and enriching learning as we sing (or just listen) together. The remaining session begin with a potluck supper at 6:00 with program starting at about 6:45 on Thursday, March 18.



At Stone Church we have two unique opportunities to explore the **GOSPEL OF JOHN**. At breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 21, you are invited to join others from Stone Church in a video study introduction to John's gospel by Professor Timothy Luke Johnson from Emory University with discussion to follow. This one-hour study can be a helpful prelude to the most unique experience of all that is being provided by the Stone Storytellers: a performance of

“The Light and Life: Stories from the Gospel of John” on Palm (Passion) Sunday evening, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. We are so fortunate to be able to have this one-of-a-kind opportunity at Stone. You will likely never have the chance to hear nearly the whole Gospel of John at one sitting again! So do plan to join us, and invite a friend to hear the story that begins, “In the beginning was the Word.”

**MISSION SHOP:** You are invited to visit our Mission Shop, located in the hallway near the Norton Room, to see our wonderful selection of Fair Trade teas, coffees, chocolates, soups, and clothes which are all for sale.



**WELCOME** to the worship of God at Stone Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Presbytery of Utica. Please make use of the pew cards to indicate any prayer concerns, pastoral needs or suggestions for improvement.

**THE COUNTRY PANTRY NEEDS:** The Pantry food bank is requesting donations of shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and dish detergent. Other items are most welcome too! Please leave items in the basket in the narthex.

**WWW.STONEPRES.ORG:** If you have pictures or features you'd like to include in the Stone Church website, contact Ceil Gilbert at 853-8289 or at [ceilgilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:ceilgilbert@yahoo.com).

**INSTALLATION OF REV. DENNIS DEWEY:** The Presbytery of Utica meets at Stone on Tuesday, March 23 beginning with a social hour at 4:00 p.m. After dinner, the meeting resumes with worship for which Dennis Dewey is preacher, the Stone Church choir will sing and Dennis will be installed as the 20<sup>th</sup> pastor of Stone Church. Those who are able are invited to help by contacting Donna Goodfriend. Those who wish only to attend the installation service should come early to find a parking place and plan to be in the sanctuary by 7:00 p.m.

**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 contact the church office, 853-2933, or Sarah Rosenstein at 859-1037 or [sprosens@hamilton.edu](mailto:sprosens@hamilton.edu). Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

Gil Adams & Family  
 Kaytryn Bentley and Family  
 Dortha and Bill Glaser  
 Carrigan and Katrina  
 Lori Sherwood  
 Doris Locke  
 Ann and Dave Smallen  
 Fay Brandis and Family  
 Peter Forrester  
 Brenda  
 Rosalie Lauber  
 Marilyn Wood  
 Lori Chamberlain & Family

Members/Friends of the Week:  
 Sue and Larry Bishop  
 Eleanor Palmer  
 Elaine Schmidt and Family  
 Allen Solomon  
 Colleen Britcher and Family  
 Myra Kazanjian  
 Forestport Presbyterian Church,  
 Forestport  
 Keith Dewey & Dennis' brothers and  
 sisters & extended family  
 The people of Chile  
 Sue Bishop  
 Ginny Francis & Family

**NAME TAGS:** If yours is missing or your name is wrong, please let an usher know, and we will supply you with a temporary tag until a replacement is made. If you're visiting, an usher will be glad to make you a name tag.

**A REST ROOM** (wheelchair accessible) is located off the narthex to your left as you enter the church. A diaper-changing table is there for your convenience. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams St.

**THE QUIET ROOM** is located off the narthex to

your right as you enter the church. If you need to leave worship for any reason, you are welcome to use the Quiet Room where you may go to be apart but still take part in worship.