



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 April 29, 2012 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

**We Gather in Celebration of the Resurrection**

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Quentin Thomas

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

We know love by this: that Christ laid down his life for us.  
**By this we know that he abides in us:**  
**that we have received the gift of the Spirit.**  
 The Lord is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Let us worship God!**

+HYMN #115 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)



+PRAYER OF THE DAY (together)

Almighty God,  
 you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,  
 to gather us together.  
 May we not wander from his flock,  
 but follow wherever he leads us,  
 listening for his voice and staying near him,  
 until we are safely in your fold,  
 to live with you forever;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.

+HYMN #2102 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**Christ Opens the Scriptures to Us**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

*Acts 4:5-12 Peter declares the Good News about Jesus to the officials.*  
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM/ANTHEM *My Shepherd Is Lord*  
 Harrison Oxley

*I John 3:16-24 Let us not love in word only.* TOLD BY DAVE FORBES

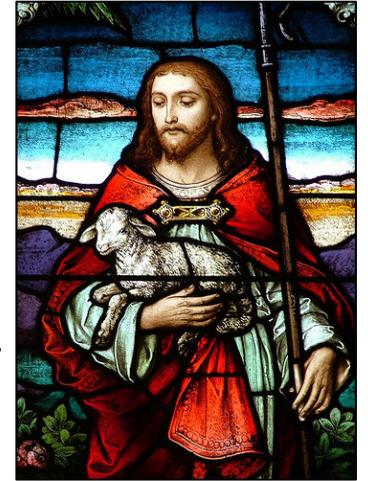
*John 10:11-18 Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd."* TOLD BY PAT JOSEPH

SERMON *What Is It about This Psalm?*

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Good News  
*(I Corinthians 15:3-8, Revelation 21:6; John 20:8)*

This is the good news which we have received,  
 in which we stand, and by which we are saved:  
 that Christ died for our sins  
 according to the Scriptures,  
 that he was buried,  
 that he was raised on the third day,  
 and that he appeared to many faithful witnesses.  
 We believe he is the Christ,  
 the Son of the living God,  
 the first and the last,  
 the beginning and the end,  
 he is our Lord and our God. Amen.



+HYMN #175

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

EVAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"debts/debtors" (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

OFFERTORY

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Richard Pantcheff

+A DOXOLOGY

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 THANKSGIVING

*We Go Out As Resurrection People to Serve*

+HYMN #172

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm from *The Message*

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.  
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,  
you find me quiet pools to drink from.  
True to your word,  
you let me catch my breath  
and send me in the right direction.

You serve me a six-course dinner  
right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head;  
my cup brims with blessing.

Even when the way goes through  
Death Valley,  
I'm not afraid  
when you walk at my side.  
Your trusty shepherd's crook  
makes me feel secure.

Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.  
I'm back home in the house of God  
for the rest of my life.

**STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP**

**April 29, 2012 ~ The Fourth 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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All the People, Ministers**

**THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Storytellers' meeting
Thursday:	10:00 a.m.	Building Stones Fair Trade Shoppe
	12:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	VSF meeting
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	What Do Our Neighbors Believe?

**LITURGIST:** Shelly Coe

**STORYTELLERS:** Dave Forbes and Pat Joseph

**USHERS/HOSTS:** Ceil Gilbert and Gerry Gogel

**BUILDING STONES MISSION SHOPPE:** You are invited to visit our Building Stones Mission Shoppe, located in the Norton Room, to see our wonderful selection of Fair Trade teas, coffees, chocolates, soups, and clothes which are all for sale.

**HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST:** Spices, sandwich bags, hygiene products, sanitary napkins, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and razors. Leave items in the Norton Room, but if you have perishable food, please call Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289.

**WHAT DO OUR NEIGHBORS BELIEVE?** In the fall we looked at what Roman Catholics, Lutherans and Methodists believe. The series continues in May each Sunday after worship with more and different perspectives. A light lunch will be served each Sunday as the sessions are led by Stone Church elders: May 6 – Buddhism; May 13 – Islam; May 20 – Judaism; May 27 – The Mormons. Join us for lunch and interesting discussion through the month of May.



**WHAT IS REVEALED IN REVELATION?** The last book of the Bible is perhaps the most inscrutable, controversial and most-misinterpreted. Join us for a simple lunch each Thursday at noon in May for a closer look at this fascinating book. We will offer this opportunity if three or more people are interested. Please let Dennis know if you are!

**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.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please visit [www.stonepres.org](http://www.stonepres.org) and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 853-2933.

Lori Sherwood  
 Eleanor Palmer  
 Steve Zuchowski, Sr. and family  
 Buzz and Carol Sterling Barrows  
 Donna Marie and Toby Todd  
 Family of Audrey Kaiser  
 Jim Royce  
 Dane Britcher  
 Donna Goodfriend and family  
 Lauralyn Kolb's mother and family  
 Dave Wilbur and family  
 Pat Coe (Ken's mother) and family

Members/Friends of the Week:  
 the McDonough family  
 The Trustees, Presbytery of Utica  
 Sarah Ziegler  
 Liz Adams and family  
 Doris Locke  
 Joseph Pavlot  
 Gidget Royce-Pavlot  
 Nancy Zelles (Grace Whittemore's sister)  
 The Utica Churches  
 Family of Ralph Newell  
 Phil Conley

**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. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams Street.

**THE NURSERY** is located off the narthex to your right as you enter the church. A diaper-changing table is there for your convenience.

**HELPING HANDS** is a service of LutheranCare. We provide services such as light housekeeping, cooking, laundry, pet care, run errands and grocery shop for those who cannot or do not want to leave home. Our Home Companions are approved to provide transportation as part of our service to those who might need a ride to the grocery store, medical appointments, hairdresser, for a meal out, or just for a ride. We provide respite services for those caring for a loved one. All of our staff are background checked, insured and bonded. We serve Oneida and Herkimer counties. For more information, contact Kathleen Leslie at 235-7196.

The **YOUR NEIGHBORS** outreach program will hold their annual **GARAGE SALE** on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church. Donated items may be dropped off at the church, 1640 Genesee St., Utica from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning Monday, April 30 through Wednesday, May 2. Call Your Neighbors, 235-7149, to schedule a pick-up of donated items. Household items, furniture, lawn and garden equipment, books, toys, and games are all welcome. Do **not** donate clothing, luggage, sporting goods, computers, Christmas trees, and broken appliances.



Please note that we are now collecting only  
**RECYCLABLE BATTERIES.**  
Disposable batteries may now be discarded with your trash.  
Thank you for your participation in this.



**KIDSTUFF CLOTHING EXCHANGE:** CUMC will hold a Kidstuff Clothing Exchange on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. Exchange or buy good used children's clothing. Bring one item, take four items, or pay 25 cents apiece. Questions? Call Jean Williams, 853-5018.

Rome Catholic School Annual **SPRING FESTIVAL** – Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6 at RCS. Hawkins amusement rides, RCS famous fried dough and the drive thru chicken BBQ on Sunday. Great fun for the entire family! Contact Rome Catholic School at 336-6190 or [www.romecatholic.org](http://www.romecatholic.org) for more information.

**THESE DAYS:** If you'd like to take one of the devotional booklets entitled *These Days*, help yourself. They are free – of course if you'd like to make a contribution to cover the cost, thanks!

