

An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 May 21, 2017 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Greet the Risen Lord

PRELUDE

(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed!**
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+HYMN #258 "Praise Ye the Lord"

+PRAYER OF PRAISE (together)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 In light inaccessible veiled from our eyes,
 Most holy, most glorious and Ancient of Days,
 almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
 Unresting, eternal and silent as light,
 You rule with compassion in infinite might,
 Your clouds are like fountains of goodness and love,
 Your justice like mountains that tower above.
 You reign in bright glory, you rule in pure light,
 Your angels surround you with praise in their flight;
 In great "alleluias" our praises are shown,
 To you, who in Jesus the Christ would be known.
 Amen and amen; alleluia, amen!
 Alleluia, again, and amen and amen!



+HYMN #313 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

DOWN AMPNEY

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WELCOME

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 17:22-31 Paul tells the Athenians that God has set a time for judgment.
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Psalms 66:8-20 Testimony to God's saving help in time of need



RICHARD T. PROULX

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Al-le - lu-ia.

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I Peter 3:13-22 Be prepared to tell the good news and endure suffering.
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "God Is a God of Love" James J. Chepponis

John 14:15-21 Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God. TOLD BY DONNA GOODFRIEND

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON *Wadda Y'Know?*

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON



INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

Grace Whittemore and Jim Gavett as Deacons

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

**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,
our Lord and our God. Amen.**

(I Corinthians 15:3-8, Revelation 21:6, John 20:8)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, p. 6 – Traditional)
("debts" and "debtors")

OFFERTORY

+A DOXOLOGY#593

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out in the Joy of the Resurrection

+HYMN #278 "Our God, to Whom We Turn" WAS FRAG' ICH NACH DER WELT

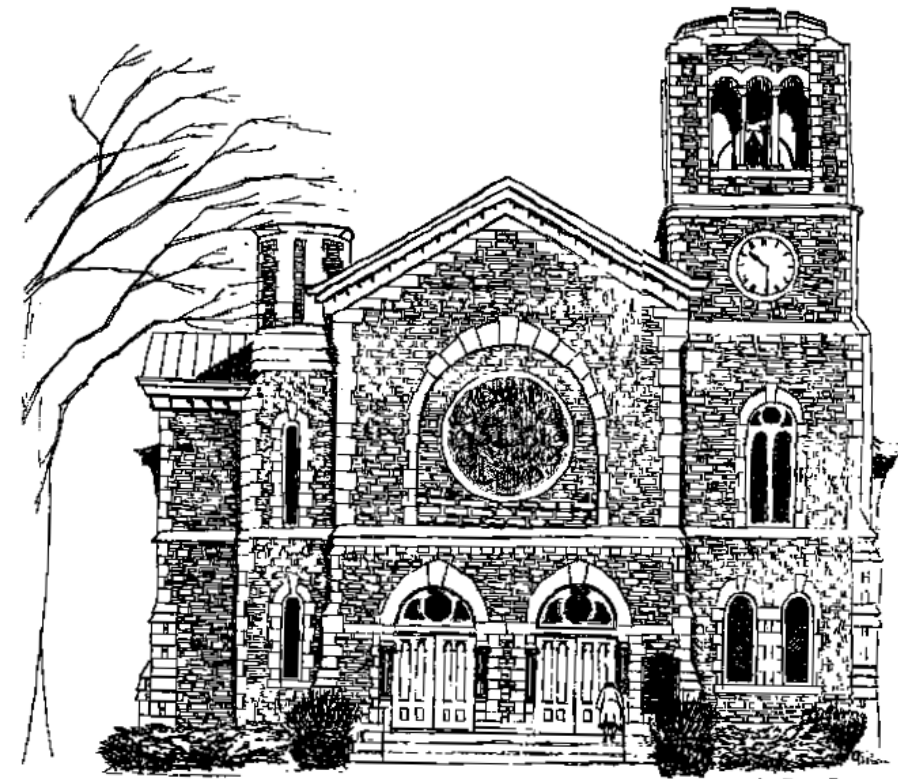
+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

May 21, 2017 ~ The Sixth 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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WELCOME to the worship of God at Stone Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Presbytery of Utica.

THE CALENDAR

Today:	11:30 a.m.	Lunch & Learning Program
Monday:	3 p.m.	Hope House
Tuesday:	5 p.m.	Presbytery meeting – 1 st Presbyterian, Utica
Thursday:	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Sunday:	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

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 and family Doris Locke Judy Raney Moore family Lynn Joann Florence Morgan Esther Kanipe Carolyn Barnum Debra LaFont Emily Massi and family Elizabeth Willson Kim Hillage Powell Thomas Bowman	Members/Friends of the Week: North Gage Presbyterian Church Carole Grove Chris Woods and family Family of Kelly Connors-Sugarman Shirley & JoAnn Tolbert Family & friends of Carol Gilley Robert Simon Willis Monie Katrina, David and Edmund Jeremiah Jennifer and Jeff and baby Daniel Jacob due July 4 The homeless
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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.

WELCOME: Please welcome our guest organist Kelli Corasanti and our guest choir director Tim Beck.

THE COUNTRY PANTRY: More than 200 kids’ paks are distributed each month (June – August) to children ages 3-19. These help supplement a family’s monthly food allotment when schools are closed for the summer. Needed are juice boxes, pudding, canned pasta, kid-friendly soup, and fruit cups. The first donation collection will be taken to the Pantry on June 18. Let’s see how many items we can collect. We will have a display table in the front of the church to serve as a reminder. Can’t shop? Monetary donations are always accepted. Please make checks payable to the Country Pantry. Questions? See Judy LaGasse.

Stone Church’s “**LUNCH AND LEARNING SERIES**” continues today. This series, scheduled for after church in the Norton Room, is designed to treat members, friends and guests to a tasty lunch, pleasant company and an entertaining short program. Today Elizabeth Smith will talk about “The Least of These.” Our final session will be on June 4 when Kelli Corasanti from Studio 8 will be our guest speaker. Her program is titled “Healthy Living Begins in Your Heart.” Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

A UNIQUE SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY: Now is the season to think about gifts for Mother’s Day, Showers, Weddings, Graduations, etc. We have gorgeous scarves, beautiful silver goblets, china items useful for cocktail/appetizer time, dipping bowls for Asian foods, which are amazingly crafted and much, much more. These items and many more are available for purchase in our Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 S. Park Row, Clinton. Our hours are every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and second Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our unique handmade items are from 37 different countries. Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development, and hope to marginalized people. The entrance to our shop is on Williams Street. For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, lkolb@hamilton.edu, 315-725-1326, visit our website at www.stonepres.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stonepres.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA: The Presbytery meets in stated session on Tuesday, May 23 at 5 p.m. at 1st Presbyterian Church of Utica.

HOPE HOUSE VOLUNTEER DINNER is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the New Hartford United Methodist Church, 105 Genesee St., New Hartford. All volunteers are welcome. A Soul Food Dinner will honor the late Sir Charles Robinson. Please RSVP to Celia, 793-3723 by May 26.