



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 September 11, 2011 ~ 12th Ordinary after Pentecost

We Are Gathered to Worship God

PRELUDE *Lobe den Herren* Pachelbel

INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

...Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN #482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please see announcements insert.)*
'Forgive As We Forgive' Is the Prayer That You Have Taught LLANGLOFAN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #579 *Glory Be to the Father*

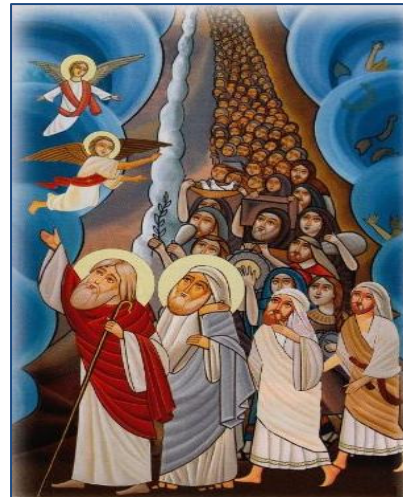
+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We listen for God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 14:19-31 The Israelites cross the sea on dry land.



Psalter - Exodus 15:1-27 – The Song of Israel

REFRAIN:

**Let us sing to the LORD,
 who has won us the victory;
 Sing to the LORD,
 who has won us the victory;
 The horse and its rider, horse and its rider,
 Thrown into the sea!**



The LORD is our strength and defender;
 Our Savior now and always
 We will sing to the God of our forbears
 Whose glory now we praise! Hey!

REFRAIN

Our God is a mighty warrior,
 Whose name is Victory:
 The LORD threw Egypt's army
 And chariots into the sea! Hey!

REFRAIN

The sea has swallowed the enemy;
 They sank way down like a stone.
 The LORD'S right hand is glorious!
 To God be praise alone! Hey!

REFRAIN

The pow'r of our God is awesome,
 Whose anger burns like a flame,
 Consuming its foes like stubble;
 God's glory we proclaim! Hey!

REFRAIN

Your wind made a way through the water,
 A pathway on the dry ground
 We marched straight across in safety
 But Egypt's hosts were drowned! Hey!

REFRAIN

The enemy came right after us,
 Pursued us in our course,
 To take our wealth and lives away
 By violence and force. Hey!

REFRAIN

The walls of water fell on them,
 Your enemies all were drowned!
 Now in Edom, Moab and Canaan,
 Your name shall be renowned! Hey!

REFRAIN

You will bring us all to your mountain;
 Your glory there we will know
 As Sovereign over the nations,
 Your saving pow'r to show! Hey!

REFRAIN

Romans 14:1-12 a call to be non-judgmental – Nikki Reynolds

Matthew 18:21-35 a question and a parable about forgiveness – Dave Forbes

SERMON

Crossing Over

We Respond at the Table of the Lord

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version, p. 14 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

+HYMN #494 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water* RUSTINGTON

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Take My Life, That I May Be* McDermid

+A DOXOLOGY #591 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

+THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...we join the song of praise sung without ceasing by the hosts of heaven and by the faithful of every time and place:

Presbyterian Hymnal, #581 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

...we proclaim to the world the good news of our salvation:

Presbyterian Hymnal, #582 "Dying, You Destroyed Our Death"

...one God, now and forever and to ages of ages:

Presbyterian Hymnal, #588 "Amen"

COMMUNION IN BREAD AND CUP

(Please hold the bread until all are served, but drink the cup when you take it.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve

+HYMN #2191 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* to LANCASHIRE

+CHARGE, BLESSING & CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

September 11, 2011 ~ 12th Ordinary after Pentecost ~ 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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THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.	WEP meeting
Thursday:	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Farmer’s Market – Village Green
Saturday:	9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.	Leadership Retreat – 3 Steeples
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

LITURGIST: Lora Schilder

STORYTELLER: Nikki Reynolds and Dave Forbes

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 St.

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

THE FARMER’S MARKET takes place on the Village Green every Thursday through October 13th between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Along side our church’s Fair Trade table, we sell pie slices, brownies, etc. to raise money for our Shoppers Stroll expenses. We are always looking for volunteers to bake and sell. We also accept donations of craft items, plants, flowers, vegetables, etc. to sell. If anyone is interested in participating in this fun-filled experience, please contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or Bev Miller (853-2548).

KIRKLAND COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE: Saturday, September 17, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Clinton United Methodist Church, 105 Utica Street, Route 12B, Clinton, NY. New and past blood donors are needed. Call Jean Wainright at 853-2265 or 1-800-GIVELIFE to schedule your appointment or register on line: www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are essential to meet goal. *Sponsored by Kirkland Community Organizations* Thank you for giving the gift of life. Bill Rudge, Kirkland Bloodmobile Committee



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 go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 853-2933. Announcements (with this list) are posted on-line each week. Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven’t received an update or request to keep them on.

Lori Sherwood
 Eleanor Palmer
 Elaine Schmidt and Family
 Allen Solomon
 Marius Thomassen
 Barbara Stockbridge
 Will
 Stan Shinkle
 Steve Zuchowski, Sr. and Family
 Buzz and Carol Sterling Barrows
 Peter Fay and Family
 Don Black

Members/Friends of the Week:
 Greg & Susan Cortese, Ruth Cosgrove
 Cochran Memorial Presbyterian Church
 Rosalie Lauber
 Machold Family
 Lisa Hyatt
 Family of Nancy Shaw
 Wilbur Family
 Kathleen Putney
 People affected by natural disasters
 Cookenham Family

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: Kitchen items: 4” pans & lids with handles. Food-related items: Worcestershire sauce, tea, coffee, sugar, paper towels, tuna, mustard, ketchup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, lasagna noodles, and elbow macaroni. Personal hygiene items: toilet paper, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products, lotion, and razors.

Please leave items in the Norton Room, but if you have perishable food, please call Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289.

BUILDING STONES MISSION SHOP: You are invited to visit our Building Stones Mission Shop, located in the rear of the narthex, to see our wonderful selection of Fair Trade teas, coffees, chocolates, soups, and clothes which are all for sale.

RETREAT: If you have an interest in the ministry and mission of Stone Church and are concerned about its future, please join us! “Faithful Planning for Challenging Times” is the theme of this fall’s Stone Church leadership retreat to be held at Three Steeples Church on Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All elders and deacons are asked to attend this day-long planning retreat as we look at the ministry and mission of Stone Church over the next several years, seeking the will of God for our church, exploring various scenarios, mapping out our direction by setting goals and priorities.



The Rev. Samuel Pendergrast, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Rome, will assist in leading us through a discernment and goal-setting process as we seek to make plans that are responsive to our needs and that represent the best stewardship practices in the face of declining membership and financial resources. Lunch will be served, and a nominal charge of \$15 (payable the day of the retreat) will cover the costs for our meal and the day’s refreshments. Donna Goodfriend and Scott Leonard will lead our brief opening and closing worship experiences, and Linda Rance will take care of providing the lunch and munchies.

Any elder or deacon who is not able to participate should let the church office know as soon as possible. As the date was set half-a-year ago, our hope is to have 100% participation by the church officers. Everyone is invited to participate. So that we can know how much food to order, please call or email the church office by Wednesday, September 14 to let us know you’re coming!

THE GREATER UTICA CHORAL SOCIETY, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the nation’s terrible tragedy of 9/11, will be presenting a free performance of the Mozart *Requiem*. Rabbi Henry Bamberger, Sakib Duracak, President of the Muslim Community Association of Mohawk Valley, and the Rev. Dr. Janet Hoover will offer brief meditations. We will remember those in our area who suffered the loss of a loved one on that day. The commemorative presentation will be at the Grace Church, 6 Elizabeth Street, in downtown Utica at 3:00 p.m. today.

NEARLY NEW SALE: The Lutheran Home, 108 Utica Road, Clinton. Friday, September 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clothes, shoes, jewelry, dishes, toys, kick-knacks, and lots more! Benefits the Friends of the

‘Forgive As We Forgive’ Is the Prayer That You Have Taught LLANGLOFAN

The Hymn Slam Group, NBS Festival Gathering, 2011

**“Forgive as we forgive” is the prayer that you have taught,
But conflict makes us anxious, confused and overwrought.
So prone to retribution, as children of the dirt,
Instead we act on anger, exchanging hurt for hurt.**

**Our hearts are hard as stone, Lord; give us the grace, we pray,
To put our trust in you as you guide us in your way.
When we resist in anger the care of your embrace,
Break through, subdue and calm us with loving arms of grace.**

**We know each rift and rupture in which we’ve played a part,
Each toll and debt that adds to our deficit of heart.
As wondrous and as wounded with hurts we carry yet,
We’re grateful for your promise to cancel all our debt.**

**“Forgive them for they know not just what it is they do,”
Said Jesus from the cross, but not for a chosen few;
For Buddhist and for Hindu, for Muslim and for Jew,
For seeker and agnostic, his will is life anew.**

**Infuse us with the love that we see in Jesus’ face.
Let anger be reprocessed, and wrath be drowned in grace,
That we might practice here what is thought of as “above”—
The costly demonstration of unexpected love.**

