



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 September 17, 2017 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost



We Are Gathered to Worship God

PRELUDE **"Chaconne in G Minor"** Louis Couperin
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

+HYMN #482 **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty** LOBE DEN HERREN
(+Those who are able are invited to stand.)

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first in silence and then together)*

Holy God,
 look patiently and with compassion upon us.
 We find it easier to bear a grudge than to practice the liberty of grace.
 Bring us back to the wisdom of your Son, Jesus the storyteller,
 to learn the mathematics of generosity.
 By your Spirit, tutor our reluctant minds
 and soften our hardened hearts, so that we may be enabled
 both to give and receive forgiveness,
 not numbering the times or counting the cost;
 through Jesus our Redeemer we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for God's Word

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

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

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

Romans 14:1–12 *A call to be non-judgmental.*

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



ANTHEM **"I will sing unto the Lord"** Jamie Killion & Joseph M. Martin

Matthew 18:21–35 *A question and a parable about forgiveness.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Told by Dave Forbes

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON **The High and Mighty**

We Respond to the Word in Faithful Thanksgiving

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

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH *(together)*
 The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. Amen.

Adapted from "The Confession of 1967," Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (USA)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY **“Lobe den Herren”** Betty Roe
(Today’s loose offering supports the Country Food Pantry.)

+A DOXOLOGY #593 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Avery and Marsh

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

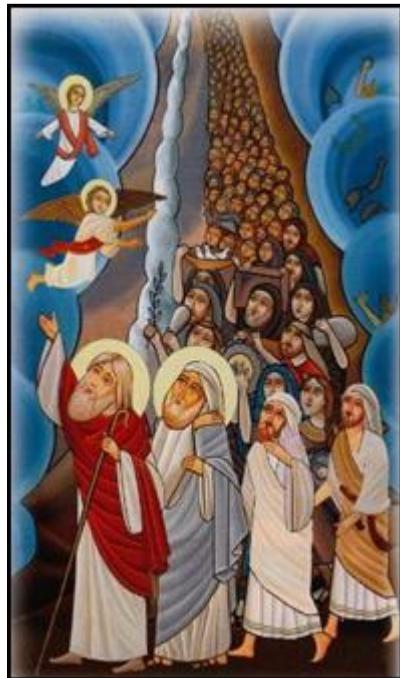
We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

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

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

September 17, 2017 ~ 15th Sunday 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.

All the People, Ministers

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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:	6 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday:	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Saturday	9:30 a.m. CUMC	“Rise Against Hunger”
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Worship

GREETERS & HOSTS: Emily Massie and Mary Chamberlin

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 Elizabeth Willson Kim Hillage Powell Bob & Susan Ryerson

Members/Friends of the Week: General Assembly PC (USA) Carole Grove Chris Woods and family Family of Kelly Connors-Sugarman Shirley & JoAnn Tolbert Family & friends of Carol Gilley Robert Simon Katrina, David and Edmund Jeremiah Jennifer, Jeff and baby Daniel Jacob Thomas Bowman Vilsack family Refugees

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST:

This month’s wish list includes the following: Milk money, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate, salad dressing, deodorant. 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. Any questions please contact Ceil Gilbert.

FAIR TRADE SHOP:

A UNIQUE SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY: We’re coming into the season when warm, fresh bread will taste great with our fall comfort foods. A bread warmer is a popular gift item. Our whitewashed terra cotta stone (from Bangladesh) is deeply incised with a nature-inspired design and sits within a hand woven kaisa grass basket with palm wrap and is oven safe. These and many, many more unique handmade items from 37 different countries are available at our **Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 South Park Row, Clinton.** Purchasing fair trade items ensures artisans and small farmers fair wages and healthy working conditions, providing dignity, sustainable development and hope to marginalize people. The entrance to our shop is on Williams Street. Our hours are every Thursday from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM and second Saturdays from 10am to 4pm in the church. 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.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

Tropical Storm Harvey made landfall as a category 4 hurricane. Damage in and near Rockport and Port Lavaca was catastrophic where the storm made landfall. There is massive damage reported, and the flood event is continuing. PDA continues to be in touch with presbytery leadership in New Covenant, Mission, and South Louisiana Presbyteries. National Response Teams have been deployed into the affected regions. Besides prayers, your donations enable PDA to provide help nationally and around the world. Please share your financial blessings by designating gifts and church offerings in the memo field to: DR000169Harvey Like us on Facebook, share PDA updates with your congregations: <https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES> . Our best response is prayer. Pray that through the responses of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis join us for a Blessing of the Animals Sunday afternoon October 1, 2017 on the Village Green. The Rev. Gary Cyr, the new rector of St. James Episcopal Church, wanted to revise the tradition, which our churches had done several years ago. He wanted to bring awareness to the need for pet food akin to a food bank, often failing to recognize that many folks living on fixed incomes, often alone, have companion animals that need support as well. Look on our Facebook page, web site, and next month’s newsletter for more details or talk with Elizabeth Smith or Emily Hughes who are on the planning committee.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

September 18th is the deadline for submitting articles for the October issue of *The Corner Stone*.

BEST WISHES to Kristen Rogers and Justin Moorhead, on their approaching *nuptials*

OUR HARVEST PIE SALE

The Harvest Pie sale will be held on Saturday, October 21st from 10am to 2pm. We are asking for donations of all kinds of pies, apple being the most popular. Everyone's help is needed. Sign-up sheets are available. Any questions please call Donna Goodfriend, 853-8405 or Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289. Thank you, Women's Association

INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND TESTAMENT



If you want a more in-depth Bible study, if you've always been interested in the New Testament or if you feel a call to teach or preach this course is for you.

The Lay Academy of the Presbytery of Utica is happy to offer a year long course in the Second Testament or the New Testament. We are pleased that Rev. Dennis Dewey will be leading this course with an emphasis on preaching and learning the stories by heart. You can audit the course or take it as a core course for credit for graduation from the Lay Academy.

Class meets once a month and begins on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Stone Presbyterian Church.

Course Objectives:

1. To gain a general sense of the historical, theological, philosophical, socio-political and oral culture contexts in which contexts the scriptures of the Second Testament coalesced
2. To become familiar with basic exegetical tools and techniques for the interpretation of Second Testament Texts in preaching and teaching
3. To practice the spiritual discipline of learning and telling scripture by heart.

To see the full syllabus or to register, please contact Rev. Naomi Kelly: naomikelly58@gmail.com or 315-369-8253

LUNCH AND LEARN

On October 8th will have a luncheon after worship in the Norton Room and watch the movie, "The Shack." Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, The Shack takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey. After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips [Sam Worthington] spirals into a deep depression causing him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa [Octavia Spencer]. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will meet every two weeks beginning Monday, October 9th at 6:00 pm. This multi-session study will be about the movie and its message and theology.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

To benefit the Parkinson's Unit of the Presbyterian Homes & Services Saturday October 21st 6:00 to 9:00 pm located at the Westminster Moriah Olivet For tickets and information please contact Linda @ 315-732-6518 or Lindawpcutica@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN OF THE PRESBYTERY

Luncheon meeting will be held here in the Norton room October 11th 9:30am there will be the guest speaker after the meeting you can visit the Fair Trade Shop.



On Saturday September 23, 2017, the Clinton Methodist church will be the site of a Rise Against Hunger event from 7:30 AM until 1 PM. Volunteers plan to package 15,000 meals to help feed hungry people around the world. Interested participants can sign up for one or more of the following shifts:

- 7:30- 9 AM- Set up;
- 9:30 -10:30 AM and 11AM – noon- Package meals
- Noon- 1PM- Clean up

Please contact the Methodist Church office, 315-853-4558, to sign up or for further information regarding this opportunity.