

An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 September 24, 2017 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE "Air in F" Samuel Wesley
(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

INTROIT & POURING BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)
 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.
 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.
As the offspring of Abraham, the children of Jacob, we will remember.
 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God.

+HYMN #379 **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** SOLID ROCK
(+Those who are able may stand.)

WELCOME

+PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION OF SIN *(first in silence, then together)*
 Our God, we come in humility,
 confessing who and what we are.
 We are often unresponsive for we are afraid.
 When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,
 for we fear what you might call us to do.
 When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths,
 embarrassed to speak your Word.
 When the wind of your Spirit blows,
 we close the windows of our hearts,

afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.
 When the fire of your Spirit touches us,
 we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.
 Forgive us, O Lord.
 Touch us with your Spirit, that we might be changed.
 Break through our self-centeredness and create us anew.
 Give us a heart to love and to serve you this day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.
 Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

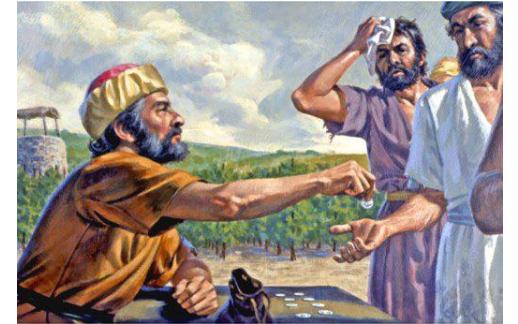
We Listen for the Word of God

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 16:2-15 God provides manna from heaven. Told by Donna Goodfriend
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

Philippians 1:21-30 Live a life worthy of the gospel.
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM "Holy Lord of All" Frances Williams

Matthew 20:1-16 The laborers in the vineyard. Told by Scott Leonard
 The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON *But What Have You Done for me Lately?*

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #243 **We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good** WAS GOTT TUT

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)
We belong to God, eternal and infinite,
Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God,
and reveals God to us.
He heals people and transforms lives,
and calls us to join in his ministry.
He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God,
and reigns over all Creation;
and he bids us to die and rise with him
in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit,
together with the communion of saints,
as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin,
the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life.
In all things it is our desire to follow Christ,
by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory.
Amen.

(by Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY *“Gavotte In F”* Samuel Wesley

+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 #282 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* WER NUR DEN
LIEBEN GOTT

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

September 24, 2017 ~ 16th 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.*

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