



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 October 2, 2011 ~ World Communion Sunday

We Are Gathered to Worship God

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Minor* J. G. Albrechtsberger

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 #289 *O God of Every Nation*

to LANCASHIRE

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful God,
 in your great goodness forgive us our sin
 and put right within us what is wrong.
 Heal us and mend us. Help us and guide us.
 Turn us away from that which may hurt us and do harm to others.
 Make us ready in body and spirit
 to live in your grace with good cheer and to do your will in our lives;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We listen for God's Word



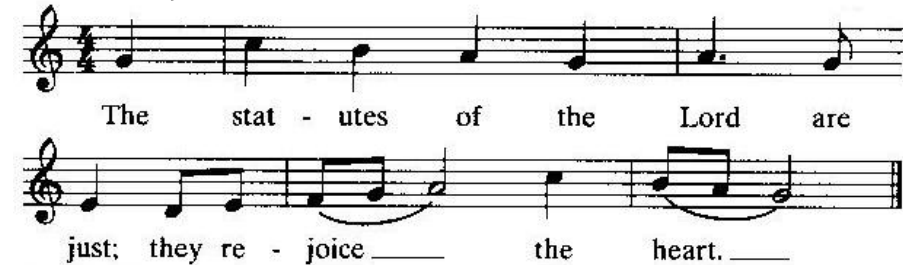
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 God gives Moses the Ten Commandments
 TOLD BY THE STONE CHURCH SCRIPTURE BY HEART GUILD
 The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalter - Psalm 19

HAL HOPSON



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Philippians 3:4b-14 Paul puts the past behind him and strives for the future.

Matthew 21:33-46 parable of the wicked tenants TOLD BY SHERRY ROBINSON

SERMON

THE REV. JEFF MCARN

We Respond at the Table of the Lord

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

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

+HYMN #507

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Love Unmeasured, Love of God* Lloyd Larson

*The loose change today goes to the Deacons' Fund.
The special offering received today is for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Fund.*

+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.**

... Your ways are just and true. You alone are holy.
Presbyterian Hymnal, #581 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

... and whose story of victory we celebrate at this table:
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 BY INTINCTION

(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and return by the side aisle.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve

+HYMN #2284 *Joy in the Morning* JOY IN THE MORNING

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

October 2, 2011 ~ World Communion Sunday ~ 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:	3:00 p.m.	Hope House
Tuesday:	7:00 a.m.	SSSF meeting - Panera
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	SSSF meeting
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Apple Celebration
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

LITURGIST: Pat Joseph

STORYTELLERS: Sherry Robinson, Stone Church Scripture by Heart Guild

GREETERS & HOSTS: Linda and Hal Rance

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.

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.

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings received each year by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25 percent of the Offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50 percent is used by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

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.

WE WELCOME REV. JEFF MCARN: Jeffrey McArn has been College Chaplain for Hamilton College for fourteen years. A native of Laurinburg, NC, Jeff is a graduate of Davidson College and Harvard Divinity School. He is married to Georgia Frank of the Religion Department at Colgate University, and they live in Hamilton, NY with two daughters Madlyn (age 17) and Halley (age 13), and one son Theo (age 8).

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
 Cookenham Family

Members/Friends of the Week:
 Keith Dewey, Marilyn Domenick
 First Presbyterian Church, Utica
 Rosalie Lauber
 Machold Family
 Lisa Hyatt
 Family of Nancy Shaw
 Kathleen Putney
 People affected by natural disasters
 Thea Lamberson and the youth of Vienna
 Presbyterian Church and their families
 Carolyn Barnum and Family

HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST: Food: Garden produce is always welcome, Jiffy corn bread mix, sugar-free pancake syrup, cold cuts, tuna, pan spray, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, baked goods for Mondays and Thursdays. Food supplies: paper towels, 9" styrofoam plates, 6 oz. styrofoam cups, cleaning rags, plastic grocery bags, brown bags, and a volunteer to sew a cover for the slicer (fabric will be donated). Please leave items in the Norton Room, but if you have perishable food, please call Ceil Gilbert, 853-8289.

OUR ANNUAL APPLE CELEBRATION will be held on Saturday, October 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be asking for donations of apple pies and other kinds of apple

baked goods. Use your imagination! Everyone's help will be needed. Sign-up sheets are available and we will be calling everyone. Questions? Call Donna Goodfriend (853-8405) or Ceil Gilbert (853-8289). Thank you, Women's Association

PARKINSON AWARENESS WALK: Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Presbyterian Homes and Services Campus, 4290 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford. This event is to support and raise awareness for Parkinson Disease. The event is a one mile walk through the strolling pathways and beautiful gardens on the Presbyterian Homes campus. This year's event will include: A free t-shirt with registration, Saranac soft drink sampling, Blackbeards Pirate BBQ, the Utica Zoomobile, Shriner's Clowns, free musical entertainment, lots of giveaways and so much more!

KIRKLAND COMMUNITY CROP WALK: Sunday, October 23. Register with donations at 12:30 p.m.; Walk starts at 1:00 p.m. Donations help reduce hunger all over the world. One quarter of the contributions will be returned to two Kirkland organizations: the Country Pantry and the Clinton Salvation Army community). Watch for more details.

THE MASTER'S TOUCH is performing in Camden, October 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at The United Church of Camden, on the corner of Church and Main Streets. Founded in 1993, this group of nearly 40 dedicated Christian singers from 17 denominations has performed at the White House on three different occasions. With a strong Commitment to spreading the gospel in song and led by Warren Ottey, they bring music ranging from Beethoven to Bluegrass to please every palate.

Women in the Early Church (continued from September 18 announcements)
By Rebecca H. Weaver

Virgin

For women who chose to dedicate their virginity to Christ a variety of options existed. Some remained in their family home; some lived in a household with other virgins; a few chose a solitary life. In specific churches virgins might constitute an order (an official ecclesiastical role) and be considered part of the clergy. Their chief responsibility would seem to have been prayer. There were also large communities of virgins that may be considered forerunners of medieval convents.

Widow

In 1 Timothy 5:3–16 we find a discussion of an order to which certain widows might belong. The letter indicates that a “real widow” is one who, lacking family to assist her, “has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day” (v. 5). She had to be at least sixty years old, married only once, and known for her good works (vv. 9–10). With these qualifications, she would be enrolled (v. 9) and take a pledge, presumably not to remarry (v. 12).

Widows did have specific duties: prayer and intercession (v. 5), visiting women at home (v. 13), caring for the sick, and possibly teaching younger women (Titus 2:4–5). The teaching responsibility is striking in view of the prohibition of widows, as noted above, from precisely that activity. In the eastern part of the Roman Empire, the role was gradually folded into another, that of deacon.

Deacon

In Romans 16:1, Paul specifically refers to Phoebe as a deacon. First Timothy 3:11 includes a comment regarding women in a discussion of qualities requisite for deacons. Interpreters disagree about whether these texts are actually referring to female deacons, but the preponderance of the evidence suggests that they are.

In the third to the seventh centuries, female deacons were widely in evidence in the eastern Roman Empire. It was the only office for which we know that women were ordained. Their positions were crucial, because much of what they did effectively protected male clergy from inappropriate contact with women. For example, female deacons anointed the bodies of newly baptized women, provided them with religious instruction (further evidence that women did teach), made pastoral visits to women, and served as intermediaries between women and the clergy. In contrast, in the western Roman Empire, there was much opposition to female deacons, although they can be found from the sixth century.

Priest and Bishop

There were enough complaints about women officiating in worship, baptizing, and celebrating the Eucharist to indicate that some did serve as priests and bishops. Much more study of the sources is needed if we are to understand what was being decried.

Conclusion

Scholarship in the last few decades has revealed that in the early centuries of Christianity women exercised authority in ways not previously recognized. Further study will undoubtedly tell us even more. The work has just begun.

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