

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
April 5, 2009 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP – Mark 11:1-11

THE PASSION SUNDAY WALK

(Bring this bulletin with you as we sing the opening hymn in procession.)

+HYMN *We Join to Sing “Hosanna”* ELLACOMBE
(+Those who are able may stand.)

We join to sing, “Hosanna,” and wave the palm branch high!
The One who comes in God’s name the pow—ers will defy,
To cast off our oppression and set the people free.
God’s chosen One is coming, our hope for liberty!

Astride a lowly colt—now he comes, God's peace to bring,
For Zecha—riah told of the coming of this king:
“Rejoice, O Zion’s daughters! Salvation you shall see!
The humble, true Messiah shall rule from sea to sea!”

The One who comes on colt-back rides on to victory!
The crowd is all a-frenzy great David’s son to see!
“Hosannas” ring around him with loud triumphant cheers,
But all the hearty hailing belies our direst fears.

Still upward this parade climbs, and upward it will end:
Toward Golgatha’s sad torture the naïve hopeful wend.
We join to sing, “Hosanna,” and wave the palm branch high!
But something in us whispers, “This King will surely die.”



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WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

OUR CONFESSION OF SIN (first silently, and then together)

Lord Jesus Christ, you want to come in, but we resist you.
You seek entry, but we do not receive you.
You ride on, but we misunderstand your motives.
We pay glory, laud and honor with our lips,
but our hearts are far from you.
We have our own agenda for you
and are unwilling to heed yours for us.
Forgive our sin we pray.
Enter into our lives, our relationships, our church, our culture,
and change us in ways that make us more humane, more just,
more loving and more caring.
Let your self-giving love inform
all that we think and say and do,
so that we may welcome you
and seek to follow you each day
in humility, sincerity and truth. Amen.

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel—
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+A DOXOLOGY #578 *Glory Be to the Father*
OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *St. Matthew Passion* Heinrich Schütz
(Please see the announcements insert for details.) (1585-1672)



Caravaggio's *St. Matthew and the Angel*, 1599-1602

A TIME OF SILENCE

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread their garments
and palm branches along his way.
Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.



OFFERTORY *Lamb of God Most Holy* arr. F. Melius Christiansen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (p. 13 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION IN CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD

(Today you are invited to partake of the elements as you are served.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN #97 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* REDHEAD 76

+CHARGE, BENEDECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

April 5, 2009 ~ Palm/Passion 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

Today:	2:00 p.m.	Storytellers in Worship at Lutheran Care
	5:00 p.m.	Storytellers Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Stone Storytellers Present “Stories from the Gospel of Matthew”
Wednesday:	12 noon	Lunchtime Study – UMC
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Seder Passover/Communion Service at Deansboro Congregational Church
Friday:	12 noon	Good Friday Service/Lunch at Lutheran Care (Parking available at Methodist Church with shuttle service to Lutheran Care)
Saturday:	10:00 am.-2:00 p.m.	Pie Sale
	10:00 a.m.	Book Club meeting
Next Sunday:	7:00 a.m.	Community Sunrise Service on the Green
	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Church School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults – Norton Room • Children – Downstairs
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Worship with the Lord’s Supper

OUR ANNUAL PIE SALE will be held on Saturday, April 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are requesting help from EVERYONE to make this sale a great success! If you are unable to bake, please consider making a donation. ALL kinds of pies will be accepted. We'd appreciate it if you could have your pies at church by 9:00 a.m. if possible. Sign-up sheets will be available. PLEASE HELP! Thank you from the Women's Association.

EASTER CARDS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS may be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please sign them at your convenience.

MISSION SHOP: You are invited to visit our Mission Shop, located in the hallway near the Norton Room, to see our wonderful selection of Fair Trade teas, coffees, chocolates, soups, and clothes which are all for sale.

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.



VISITORS are always welcome! Please let us know who you are by filling out the Visitor’s Card in the pew and dropping it in the offering plate. We invite you to join us for coffee and conversation in the back of the sanctuary following worship this morning. Please join us again for worship!

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. A diaper-changing table is there for your convenience. More restrooms may be found downstairs in the hall that parallels Williams St.

THE QUIET ROOM is located off the narthex to your right as you enter the church. If you need to leave worship for any reason, you are welcome to use the Quiet Room where you may go to be apart but still take part in worship.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for coffee and conversation in the entryway following worship this morning.

CHURCH SCHOOL for children is held from 9:45 to 10:25 every Sunday morning. Please meet downstairs in the video room. All young people in grades 1-10 are welcome to join us!

THE COUNTRY PANTRY NEEDS: The Pantry food bank is requesting donations of shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and dish detergent. Other items are most welcome too! Please leave items in the basket in the narthex.

LITURGIST: Grace Whittemore

STORYTELLER: The Stone Storytellers

HOSPITALITY: Wilma and Gene Lawson

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 contact the church office, 853-2933, or Sarah Rosenstein at 859-1037 or by e-mail at rosenstein@earthlink.net. Please note that we will remove names after 6 weeks if we haven't received an update or request to keep them on.

Gil Adams Family
 Padgett Family
 Kaytryn Bentley and Family
 Mary Ellen Brandis
 Cookenham Family
 Dortha and Bill Glaser
 Karen Stockton's husband
 The Reynolds Family
 Arthur Budich
 Marty Miller
 Hannah Rosenstein and family
 Jim and Ginny Francis
 John Stiefvater and his family

Members/Friends of the Week:
 Susan and Ron Siedsma and Family
 Eleanor Palmer
 Chris and Peter Jensen
 Dick and Elaine Schmidt
 Allen Solomon
 Brian Britcher and his family
 Ewa and Tom Lawrence
 Pete Forrester
 Matthew LaVine
 First Presbyterian Church, Ilion
 Leroy Dancer Family

HYGIENE KITS NEEDED! The Church World Service Emergency Response Program provides hygiene kits to areas which have experienced disasters both overseas and within the United States. Because it is a constant challenge to have their supply of kits keep up with the demand, CWS is currently in the position of having several shipments on hold to Ghana, Syria and Zimbabwe until they secure an adequate number of kits to meet the requests. The kits should include: one hand towel 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towel), one washcloth, one wide-tooth comb, one nail clipper (not metal files or emery boards), one bar of soap, one toothbrush (in original package), and six band-aids. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic ziplock bag. All kits should be delivered to the church no later than Sunday, April 19. Call Judy LaGasse, 725-2217, for more information.



THE BOOK CLUB is starting a new book on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. We will start looking at Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Copies of the book are available. We have good discussion, refreshments, and fellowship. Why not give us a try? We will meet April 11, April 18, and May 2. If interested, contact Elaine Mushtare (841-4648) or Joyce Wilbur (853-2350).

The St. Matthew Passion
 Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

The *passion*, a musical setting of the events leading up to and including the crucifixion of Christ, dates from the 13th century in its earliest Latin form, in which the words of the Evangelist (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) are recited to formulaic chant structures. In time, the words of the people (*turba*) came to be set for chorus, and this responsorial *passion* (narrative solo voice and choral settings of crowd texts) was adapted by German composers for Martin Luther's fledgling Protestant congregations. Heinrich Schütz's settings of the passion texts of Matthew, Luke, and John (Dresden, 1665-6) are regarded as the epitome of this form. In today's worship version, the narrative is read by members of the Stone Storytellers rather than chanted, and the choir sings the *turba* choruses, the text taken from the Gospel According to St. Matthew.



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| Jesus - David Kolb | Servant Girl #2 - Sherry Robinson |
| Pilate - Owen Reynolds | Judas - Dave Forbes |
| Pilate's Wife - Emily Hughes | Peter - Larry Reynolds |
| Caiaphas - Scott Leonard | The Evangelist - Dennis Dewey |
| Servant Girl #1 - Joyce Wilbur | |
| Disciples, Scribes and Elders, Bystanders,
Chief Priests, Soldiers, and Crowd | — The Stone Church Choir
G. Roberts Kolb, Director of Music |

