

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 3, 2009 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ

PRELUDE *The Lord's My Shepherd* Quentin Thomas

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 John 3:16-24)

We know love by this, that Christ laid down his life for us.
Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

**We receive from God whatever we ask,
obediently doing what is pleasing to God.**

And this is God's commandment: that we should believe in the name of God's Son,
Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as Christ has commanded us.

Those who obey this commandment abide in him, and he in us.

By this we know that he abides in us: That we have received the gift of the Spirit.
The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Let us worship God!

+HYMN #175 *The Lord's My Shepherd* EVAN
(+Those who are able may stand.)

+PRAYER OF PRAISE (together)

Almighty God,
you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,
to gather us together.
May we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.



WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS AND INVITATIONS OF THE CHURCH

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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



The Risen Christ Opens Scripture to Us

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

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

LESSONS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalter – Psalm 23 (RED Hymnbook, Selection #5, p. 472)

(Instead of following along, you are invited to "listen with your eyes" to the Gospel told.)

John 10:11-18 *Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd."*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *God's Investment in Us*

We Come to the Table in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN *Bread of Heaven* REDHEAD No. 76

1. Bread of heav'n, on you we feed;
You are precious food indeed.
Ever may our lives be fed
By this true and living bread.
At your table, now we see,
Gracious hospitality.
2. Vine of heav'n, your love supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice.
In your wounds our health is found;
To your cross our life is bound.
Vine that grows from him who died
Grafted, living, we abide.

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Virgil Thomson

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 to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise—truly right and solemnly joyous that we should always and everywhere give you thanks and praise, O God our Creator. And so we join praises to those of the choirs of angels and the thanksgivings of the faithful from every time and place, praying:

(SINGING)

EASTER HYMN

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Alleluia!
By both heav'n and earth adored, Alleluia!
Blest his rising from the dead! Alleluia!
High hosannas crown his head! Alleluia!**

Send now your Holy Spirit on this bread and this cup and on us all as we gather at table, that this and all our lives may be a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
And a proclamation of the one who died for us, rose for us and has promised to come again for us: Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior, who taught us to pray together, saying, Our Father....

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF THE RISEN LORD

(Please partake as you are served the bread and cup.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SURVEY

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

+POSTLUDE THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Taizé service

Choir rehearsal

Church School

- Adults – Norton Room
- Children – Downstairs

Worship

Congregational Meeting

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.

SAY HELLO TO STONE'S NEW WEBLADY, CEIL GILBERT! If you have not been to Stone Church's website lately, you don't know what you're missing! Do you know that at www.stonepres.org you can

- hear the Stone Church choir
- watch videos of the Stone Storytellers
- check the calendar of events
- read the *Book of Order* or *Book of Confessions*
- see photographs of you and your friends at recent church events
- read the current issue *The Corner Stone* in color
- browse past Sunday bulletins and announcements
- read Midge Bakos' excellent history of Stone Church
- keep up with what's happening in your church
- find links to other valuable sites for learning more about scripture, the Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Utica, etc.?

Ceil Gilbert has graciously agreed to be our "WebLady." She's the one to contact if you have information that you would like posted on the website or if you have suggestions for what you'd like to see included. Ceil will also forward press releases to The Courier and the Observer-Dispatch. She's always looking for photographs, so send your digital photos to her at jeepster98.1@netzero.com or bring them by the office for Peggy to scan and digitize for the website!

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: Dave Forbes

USHERS: Bonnie & Jim Hyde

The members of Stone Presbyterian Church are hereby called to attend a meeting of the congregation immediately following worship in the church sanctuary TODAY for the purposes of voting on the Session's recommendation to renew the Designated

Pastor relationship with the Rev. Dennis Dewey for a term of two years and to elect Grace Whittemore to a vacancy on the Board of Deacons. All active members in good standing are eligible and encouraged to vote.

Scott Leonard, Clerk

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY with a contribution to the Church World Service Blanket program. What a wonderful way of remembering those who provided warmth and love by sharing that warm feeling with others. By donating to the Blanket program, you will help mothers around the world care for their children. Light weight blankets are available at this time of the year for chilly nights and mornings. Envelopes will be available in the pew (and cards to honor moms will be on the back table) or you may send your donation to the church office. Please make your check out to the church.



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 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
Arthur Budich
Marty Miller
Hannah Rosenstein and family
Jim and Ginny Francis

Members/Friends of the Week:
Rev. Edward Townsend and family
Eleanor Palmer
Dick and Elaine Schmidt
Allen Solomon
Brian Britcher and his family
Ewa and Tom Lawrence
Pete Forrester
Flo Dewey, Dennis' mother
First Presbyterian Church, Lowville
John Stiefvater and his family

Today and the first Sunday of each month are **LOOSE (AND BILLS) SUNDAYS FOR THE DEACONS.**



CHANGE

REMEMBER THE CLOCK TOWER CAMPAIGN!

Invite your friends and neighbors to consider a gift to
“the community’s clock!”

Stone Church’s BOOK GROUP will meet Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m. This will conclude their meetings until Saturday, September 19 when they will start a new book. All are encouraged to attend. Contact Joyce or Elaine for more information.

KIRKLAND COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE: Saturday, May 9, 2009; 8:00-1:00; Schillings Burns Young VFW Post 9591, Franklin Avenue, Clinton. New and past blood donors are needed. Contact Bill Rudge at Rudge44@aol.com to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are essential and will be very welcome. New York-Penn Blood Services provides whole blood and blood medicine products to all our area hospitals and other organizations that dispense blood medicine services. Thank you for continuing to share “God’s Gift of Life” with those in need of blood transfusions or blood medicine products.

Bill Rudge, Kirkland Bloodmobile Committee

SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! That means another season of camping programs at Vanderkamp Center! Attending camp can be a powerful, life-changing experience for children. It offers them opportunities for faith development, for immersion in a supportive Christian community where they can learn to express their faith, and for developing skills and friendships that can last a lifetime. This summer, Vanderkamp is offering five one-week programs, plus one two-week program for boys and girls ages 6-18. Camp opens on Sunday, June 28 and runs through Friday, August 7.

Note: Vanderkamp brochures are available in the back of the sanctuary.

The New Hartford Presbyterian Church will have a RUMMAGE SALE on Wednesday, May 6 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The bag sale will begin at 1:30 p.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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