

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
June 14, 2009 ~ The Second Sunday after Pentecost (11 Ordinary)

We Gather as a Community of Faith

PRELUDE *Lasst uns erfreuen* Russell Schulz-Widmar

CHORAL INTROIT
& **POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER**

CALL TO WORSHIP

...our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.

+**HYMN #229** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (silent and responsive)

...Forgive us this and all our sin, we pray.
And free us to live as a new creation in Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Let us affirm the good news of our faith together:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+**A DOXOLOGY #578** *Glory Be to the Father*

+**THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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



OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

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

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13* *Samuel is sent to anoint the king of Israel.*
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalms 92 *The righteous flourish like the palm tree.*

OSTINATO REFRAIN Jacques Berthier (Taizé)
SATB (or unison)



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2 Corinthians 5:6-13, 14-17* *The Spirit helps us understand spiritual things.*
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Gordon Young

Mark 4:26-34* *the parables of the seeds*
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Seeding and Weeding*

*You are invited to "listen with your eyes" instead of following along.



We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - From the "Confession of 1967"

New life in Christ takes shape in his community of faith, the church,
in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of who we are.
Therefore we can accept ourselves and love others,
knowing that we have no other ground
on which to stand except the grace of God.
This new life does not release us from conflict
with unbelief, pride, lust and fear.
We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.
Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ,
we live in freedom and good cheer,
bearing witness on good days and evil days,
confident that our new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

+HYMN #560 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* to VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

"debts/debtors" (Traditional, *Hymnal*, p. 16)

OFFERTORY *Valet will ich dir geben* G. F. Kaufmann

+A DOXOLOGY #591 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

+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 God thanks and praise.**

We Go Out to Serve

+HYMN #433 *There's a Spirit in the Air* to MONKLAND

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP
June 14, 2009 ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (11 Ordinary) – 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:	11:30 a.m.	Deacons' meeting
Monday:	7:00 p.m.	Storytellers' meeting
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Strawberry Festival
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults – Dining Room• Children – Downstairs
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: The Mission, Stewardship and Fundraising Committee will hold a Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be strawberry shortcakes served and all kinds of goodies made from strawberries will be available for purchase. We would appreciate donations of baked items and people to work on that day. We welcome any strawberry craft items, if anyone were to be so inclined. Sign-up sheets will be available. For more information, please contact Judy LaGasse or Ceil Gilbert.



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.

THE FARMER'S MARKET takes place in the Village Green every Thursday from June 11th through October 15th between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Alongside our church's Fair Trade table, we will be selling pie slices, brownies, etc. to raise money for our Shoppers Stroll expenses. If anyone is interested in contributing baked items, craft items, plants, flowers or vegetables to be sold, please contact Bev Miller or Ceil Gilbert.

REMEMBER THE CLOCK TOWER CAMPAIGN! Invite your friends and neighbors to consider a gift to "the community's clock!"

Next Sunday is **LOOSE CHANGE (AND BILLS) SUNDAY** for the clock tower.



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: Joyce Wilbur

USHERS: Bonnie & Jim Hyde

HOSTS: Sue & Dick Raitt

STORYTELLER: Owen Reynolds and Joyce Wilbur

JUST A FEW HOURS A WEEK CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! AIDS Community Resources is looking for volunteers to be the friendly face and voice to greet the public at their Utica office. Responsibilities include announcing visitors to staff, receiving

mail, and maintaining a professional environment for visitors waiting for appointments. People of all ages are welcome to apply. Flexible schedule, with daily, weekly, monthly or on-call hours available. For more information, call Mary, 793-0661, or email volunteer@aidscommuityresources.com.

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
Carrigan and Katrina
Phoebe Brown

Members/Friends of the Week:
Rose White, Jay Williams
Eleanor Palmer
Dick and Elaine Schmidt
Allen Solomon
Brian Britcher and his family
Ewa and Tom Lawrence
Pete Forrester
The Lay Academy of Presbytery of
Utica
Helen Leonard

PLAN TO BE AWAY SOME SUMMER WEEKEND? LOOKING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE? In addition to our first-Thursday Taizé services on July 2nd and August 6th, we have some other opportunities for Thursday worship through our partnering with Three Steeples United for the summer. You may wish to join friends from the area in an "alternative" worship experience that offers an informal structure and a different kind of music each week at the Paris church on Thursday evenings in July and August. These evenings begin with a time of gathering for dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.

SERMONS BY REQUEST FOR THE SUMMER: Have a burning theological question? Curious about what the pastor thinks about some controversial topic? Always wondered about some strange teaching or belief of the church? Had trouble understanding

some book/passage of scripture? Summer's the time for Ed Townsend and Dennis Dewey to address your questions, issues, confusions and druthers as they preach "sermons by request" on topics that you identify. To request a sermon topic, email Dennis Dewey at dendew@aol.com or the church office at stonepres@verzion.net or use one of the 3x5 cards that will be available in the pews throughout the month of June.

MOVING WALL BUS TRIP: The Moving Wall is the half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and tours the country on request. Inscribed on the aluminum panels are the names of more than 58,000 men and women who gave their lives. The Moving Wall will be open for viewing 24 hours a day during its visit to Munnsville, NY. Guides will be available to direct and assist people in locating specific names. Westminster Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a bus which will leave the Radisson Hotel in Utica at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 26 and return at 5 p.m. Cost: \$10/person. Call Linda, 732-6518, by June 10 to make a reservation.

THE LEADERSHIP OF STONE CHURCH met in planning retreat toward the end of last month. What surfaced as an overarching goal was to maintain the current staffing structure and direction of ministry. They also identified four goals to guide our ministry over the next three years:

- 1) **To continue to develop our ability to "tell the story" of our faith and our church**
- 2) **To undertake a study of the community to identify specific needs**
- 3) **To develop programs and outreach aimed at addressing those needs**
- 4) **To continue to work intentionally at church growth**

The process continues now as we seek to develop several objectives for each of these goals—some specific plans to help us achieve the purposes that we have identified. Your input is always welcome! Speak with the pastor or any elder or write/email us (at stonepres@verizon.net) with your suggestions. **All elders, deacons and members of Stone Church are also invited to attend the final planning session to be held at the church from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27.**