

AN ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
June 28, 2009 ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (13 Ordinary)

We Gather to Praise the God of Light and Life

PRELUDE ***Rejoice, the Lord Is King*** Betty Roe/George Miles

CHORAL INTROIT ***Rejoice, the Lord Is King*** Darrien Symonds
& POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 57)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!
Awake, my soul!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn!
I will give thanks to you among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship God!



+HYMN #468 ***Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*** AUGUSTINE

WELCOME, JOYS, CONCERNS & INVITATIONS

We Encounter God's Word in Scripture and Song

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-3, 20-27
+HYMN #267 ***All Things Bright and Beautiful*** ROYAL OAK

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:28-2:3
ANTHEM ***Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*** Allan Robert Petker

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5; 3:19-21
HYMN #408 (vs. 1-2, 5-6) ***Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*** GERMANY

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 59:1-2, 9-10, 12

UNISON PRAYER

Creator God, by whose design we have our being, in whose image we have been formed, through whose gift we live lives of opportunity and responsibility: We confess that we fall short of what you would have us be, and that we would sometimes rather hide from you than live fully in the light of your presence.

Lamb of God, who takes away our sins, have mercy on us.

We confess that we have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and have declined to bear the burdens of others. We acknowledge that it is too easy to ignore the pain of the world, to pass by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed.

Lamb of God, who takes away our sins, have mercy on us.

In your great mercy, O God, as both our judge and our redeemer, forgive our sins and free us from our selfishness, that we might choose to use the time, the resources, and the freedom you have given us to work toward the goal of doing your will on earth.

Lamb of God, who takes away our sins, grant us peace.

CHORAL PRAYER ***Agnus Dei, Lamb of God*** Ron Kean

When in our music
God is glorified,
And adoration finds
no room for pride,
It is as though
the whole creation cried,
"Alleluia!"



SCRIPTURE Selections from the Prophets
+HYMN #401 ***When Will People Cease Their Fighting?*** RUSTINGTON

SCRIPTURE Selections from the Prophets and First Chapter of The Letter to the Hebrews
ANTHEM ***Mary, Did You Know*** Lowry and Green, arr. Greer

SCRIPTURE
ANTHEM *Be a Gift to a World in Need*

John 1:9-14
Allen Pote

HYMN #93 (vs. 1-2) *Ah, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

SCRIPTURE
ANTHEM/+HYMN *Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious*

Mark 16:1-6
Jonathan Crutchfield

The congregation is invited to join in this hymn at the end of the anthem:

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

We Respond with Faithfulness and Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE
ANTHEM *Lift High the Cross*

Acts 1:3, 6-8
Lloyd Larson

SILENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Traditional,” p. 16

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Virgil Thomson

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

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go to Live Out Our Faith

+HYMN #252 *O Lord, You Are My God and King*

JERUSALEM

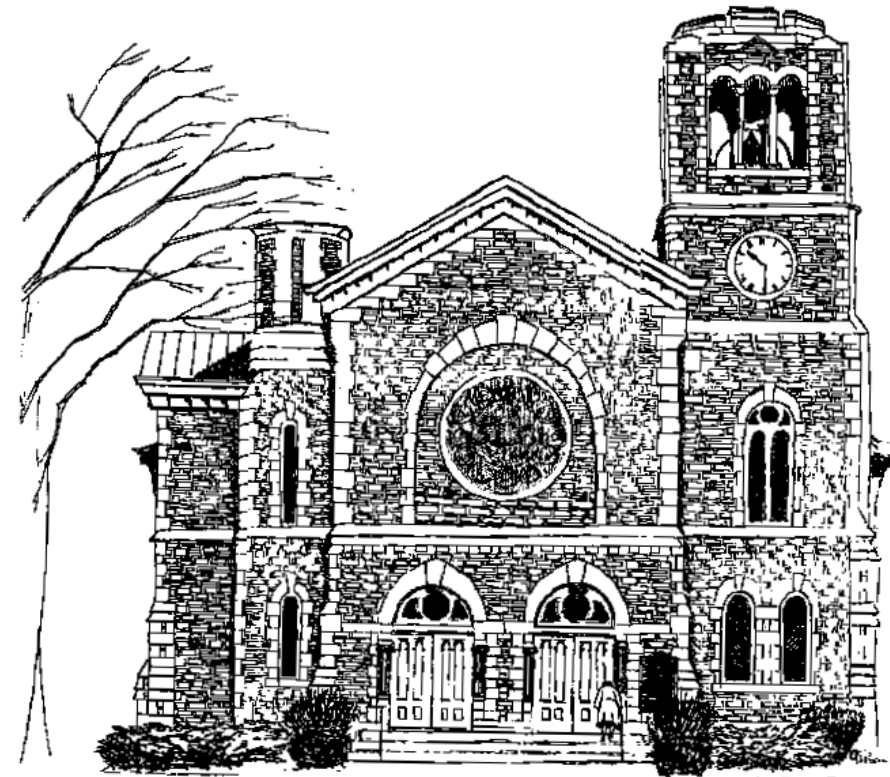
+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

June 28, 2009 ~ Choir 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:	4:00 p.m.	Stepping Stones Dinner
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Taizé service
Friday:		Church office closed
Next Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Worship - Deansboro
	9:15 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 – Stone Dennis Dewey, preaching

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.

WE WELCOME THE GERE FAMILY - Judith, Budge, Meg and others – in worship this morning. The Geres lived in Clinton and were active at Stone Church in the 1950’s and 1960’s.

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 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

Members/Friends of the Week: Fred Windecker, Lou Woolley Eleanor Palmer Dick and Elaine Schmidt Allen Solomon Brian Britcher and his family Ewa and Tom Lawrence Pete Forrester Helen Leonard Hez Webster’s Family Phoebe Brown

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.

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: Mary Ann Stiefvater
USHERS: Ceil Gilbert & Sherry Robinson

We would like to thank everyone who baked, worked, bought or helped out in any way for our **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** on June 20th. We realized a profit of \$487. It was a great success! The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee

STEPPING STONES: Today is the Progressive Dinner that we have been looking forward to. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Chris and Lynn Hall. It's not too late to sign up! Please see Linda Rance for details. We had a great time last year and are looking forward to a great time with our friends from Stone Church. See you there!

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.

THE SUMMER CHOIR will rehearse Sunday mornings at 9:15. The choir will be made up of worshipers from Three Steeples United, Deansboro Congregational Church and Stone Church and will rehearse only the anthem for that day's worship. You're invited to join when you are able! The choir will be under the direction of Diane Bancroft, Music Director/ Organist for Three Steeples United.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SKILL, COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK OF THE STONE CHURCH CHOIR. For every minute the choir sings they spend about 15 minutes in preparation. Making a joyful noise and supporting the singing of the congregation is a real ministry. The excellence of their musicianship is drawn from them by our gifted Director of Music. We give thanks to God for this gift of music that inspires us and leads us to a greater "Alleluia!" As you enjoy the cake that the Deacons have arranged in their honor as part of our hospitality this morning, please do thank each one of them for their special service.

THE STONE CHURCH CHOIR:

Joseph	Grace Whittemore	Bev Miller	Pat
Schilder	Sarah Rosenstein	Hannah Rosenstein	Sara Coe
	Lauralyn Kolb	Ewa Lawrence	Lora
	Lorraine Fay	Helen Leonard	Nikki Reynolds
	Katrina Schell	Ian Rosenstein	Gil Adams
	Scott Leonard	Tom Pavlot	David Kolb

Director: Rob Kolb

No church will rise above the quality of its elders

by Sandy Sweep
Special to the Presbyterian News Service



"No church will rise above the quality of its elders," the Rev. Joan Gray, moderator of the General Assembly (2006) told the National Elders Conference here June 12, as she outlined the characteristics and practices required to be an effective, quality spiritual leader. The conference was part of the denomination's June 11-13 inaugural "Big Tent," combining 10 regular PC(USA) conferences into a single event with joint worship, group meals and a plethora of workshops open to all. Gray emphatically said that any person involved with the church - choir director, education leader, deacon, etc. - is in a position of leadership in the church.

However, it is the elders who are responsible for the spiritual leadership of the church and whose role is to "encourage others to seek and do the will of God." Some of the characteristics of effective spiritual leaders, as defined by Gray, are that they:

- Have a passion for God;
- Can access spiritual resources;
- Use sanctified imagination;
- Are willing to risk - and fail;
- Discern and use the spiritual gifts of others;
- Are willing to pay the price of leadership; and
- Take responsibility for their own spiritual growth and self care.

Practices, or behaviors, of spiritual leaders center on three areas: being able to handle conflict, to practice discernment, and avoid burnout. Every church has conflict, says Gray. "A church without conflict is dead."

The key as a spiritual leader is being able to rationalize the conflict and set into motion a process of how to deal with it, states Gray. Church elders need to be sensitive and "pay attention to what is going on around you." Which, leads, she says, to the second practice of discernment: "to determine the quality of life in the church." Gray stressed that elders, in making choices about the life of the congregation, balance in life is important as is humility in making those choices. With prayer and faith, "God will lead us if we allow him," added Gray, "but we must believe God will lead us."

If elders of any church are experiencing an imbalance in their personal lives, perhaps it is a question of "timing of leadership," said Gray. "Spiritual leaders, elders, don't need to feel bad, it just may not be their calling at this time, or it may be someone else's turn," Gray explained.

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