



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation



April 8, 2018 ~ The Second Sunday of Easter

**We Gather to Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ**

**PRELUDE**                      *Fugue in C Major*                      George Frideric Handel  
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed!**  
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 Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.  
**Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #108                      *Christ is Alive!*  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

TRURO

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (together)

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked,  
 draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ  
 and touch his wounds where they bleed in others  
 as we worship together in the joy of the resurrection,  
 that we may be observant of the wounds in ourselves,  
 the wounds in our neighbors, and the wounds of the world.  
 This we ask through Christ our risen Savior,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.

+HYMN #2114    *At the Font We Start Our Journey*    LAUDA ANIMA

**WELCOME**

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**The Risen Christ Opens the Scriptures to Us**

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

Acts 4:32-35                      *The believers share possessions.*

I John 1:1-2:2                      *God is light, Christ our advocate.*

**ANTHEM**                      *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven*                      Allan Robert Petker

John 20:19-29    *Jesus appears to "Doubting Thomas."* TOLD BY DAVE FORBES

**SERMON**                      *Benefit of the Doubt*

**We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving**

+HYMN #2115                      *Christ Has Risen*

HOLY MANNA

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

+++ *Autumn Rayne Blenis* +++  
 Daughter of Korey and Keith Blenis



**PRESENTATION**

**THE MEANING OF BAPTISM**

**QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY AND CANDIDATE**

**QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER  
NAMING OF THE CHILDREN OF THE COVENANT & THE BAPTISM  
PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE  
PRESENTATION

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY *Fantasia in D Major* Johann Kindermann

*Today's loose offering supports the ministry of the Deacons.*

+A DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
And praise the Spirit, every tongue, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

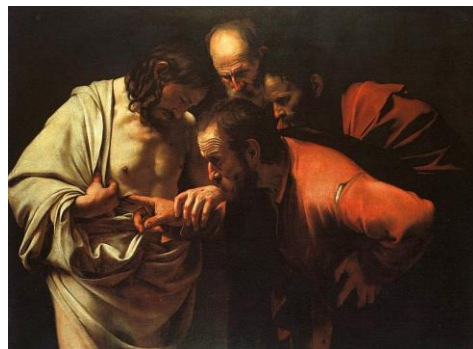
+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*We Go Out As Resurrection People to Serve*

+HYMN#371 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

+CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE



STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

April 8, 2018 ~ The Second Sunday of Easter~ 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.*

**All the People, Ministers**

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**EASTER FLOWERS:** Regretfully flowers given by Rob and Lauralyn Kolb in memory of George & Betty Kolb and William & LauraGrace Eisenhower were not included in the Easter Flower List on Easter Sunday.

**HOPE HOUSE WISH LIST:** This month’s wish list includes the following: Breakfast Cereal, Coffee, Sugar, Hot Chocolate, Butter or Margarine, Toiletries, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Paper Goods, Napkins, Toilet Paper. Any donation that you designate for food or personal needs will greatly be appreciated. Any questions, contact Ceil Gilbert (853-8289) or [ceilgilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:ceilgilbert@yahoo.com).

**COUNTRY PANTRY UPDATE:** The Country Pantry will accept all food donations, however; for the month of April they are collecting pasta & sauce, canned fruit and oatmeal. Questions please see Judy LaGasse

**FAIR TRADE SHOP:** A unique shopping opportunity, we have a large selection of baskets, exquisite jewelry, collectibles, wood items, chocolate and food items, including clothing and toys from 38 different countries. Our hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every second Saturday. For more information please contact Lauralyn Kolb, [lkolb@hamilton.edu](mailto:lkolb@hamilton.edu), 315-725-1326; or visit our website at [www.stonepres.org](http://www.stonepres.org) and you can like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stonepres](https://www.facebook.com/stonepres).

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** Stone Church has committed to raising \$2,000.00 by April for meals that we will pack with others in the community on **September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018** for people around the world. Please visit [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org) for more information.



## THE CALENDAR

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