



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation**  
**May 20, 2018 ~ Pentecost**



**We Gather to Celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**PRELUDE**      ***“Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord”***      F.W. Zachau  
*(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)*

**CHORAL INTROIT & POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As winds blow and storms rage,

**All: God is our refuge and our strength.**

One: As floods rise and waves batter,

**All: God is our support and our comfort.**

One: As wars kill and hatred abounds,

**All: God is our hope and our guide.**

One: As greed reigns and cheating is common,

**All: God is our help and our protector.**

One: As prejudice remains and divisions flourish,

**All: God is our unity and our affirmation.**

One: May God's Spirit keep us ever safe and secure.

**All: May God's Spirit be with us now.**

One: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let us worship God.**

+ **HYMN #326**      ***“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”***      MORECAMBE  
*(+Those who are able may stand.)*

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)**

**Our God, we come in humility,  
confessing who and what we are.**

**We are often unresponsive  
for we are afraid.**

**When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,**



**for we fear what you might call us to do.  
When your Spirit touches our lips,  
we close our mouths,  
embarrassed to speak your Word.  
When the wind of your Spirit blows,  
we close the windows of our hearts,  
afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.  
When the fire of your Spirit touches us,  
we quench the flame,  
afraid of the new life it might bring.  
Forgive us, O Lord.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

+A DOXOLOGY #579      ***“Glory Be to the Father”***      Gloria Patri

**+THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**We Listen for the Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

(You are invited to say the “amen” aloud.)

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

***Acts 2:1-21***      ***The story of Pentecost***  
The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

***Romans 8:22-27***      ***The Spirit prays for us***  
The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**      ***“Hymn of Praise”***      George Blake

***John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15***      ***Jesus promises the Holy Spirit***  
The Word of the Lord. /Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**      ***Catching the Wind***

***We Respond in Faith and Prayer with Thanksgiving***

+HYMN #2122     *She Comes Sailing on the Wind*     SHE FLIES ON

+AFFIRMING OUR FAITH     *The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)*     *Hymnal, p. 15*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY                      *Title*                      Composer

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.**

...  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your holy name:

(SINGING)                                              NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!**  
**Glory be to you in all the heavens and the earth!**  
**Blessèd be the One who comes to us in your name!**  
**Highest hosanna! Alleluia!**

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the story of our hope in the power of your Spirit:

(SINGING)  
**Jesus Christ our Savior, crucified and buried,**  
**Raised up on the third day from death to life again;**  
**Taken to God’s right hand, there to rule forever,**  
**Still ever with us in the Spirit’s power!**



**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE COMMUNION IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

(Come forward by the center aisle, dip the bread in the cup, and return by the side aisles.)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ***

+HYMN #316                      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*                      TRENTHAM

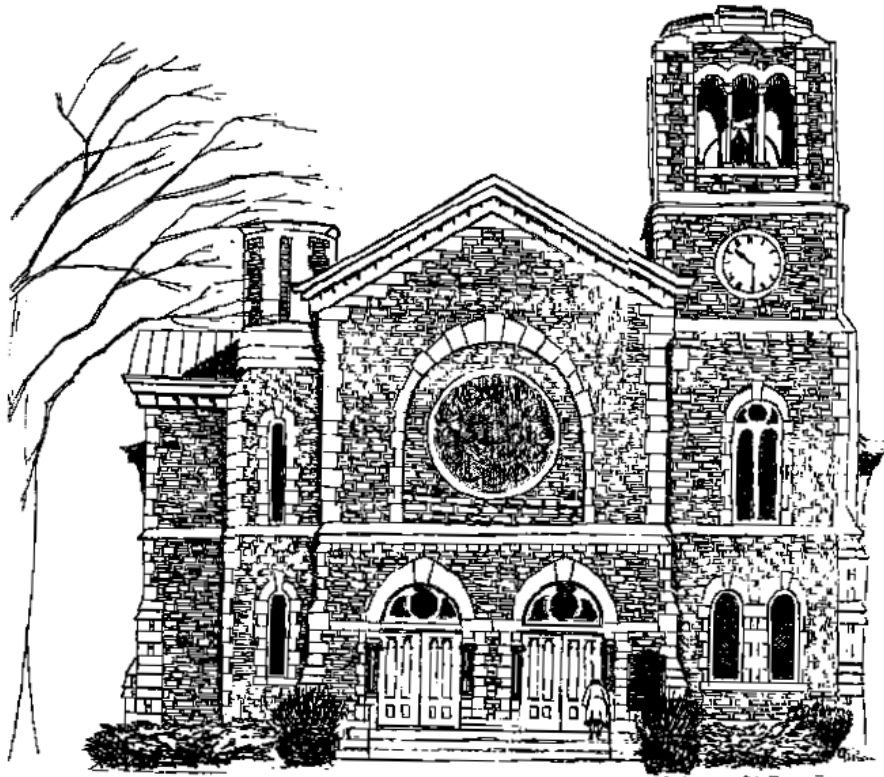
+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

# STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

May 20, 2018 ~ Pentecost ~ 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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