



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 May 6, 2018 ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter



We Gather to Celebrate the Resurrection of Christ

PRELUDE *Entrata* J.S.Bach
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

CHORAL INTROIT & POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

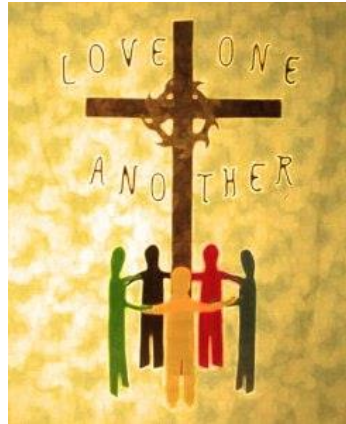
By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,

For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

We all come to this same place; all of us seeking God's presence in our lives, all of us seeking God's presence with each other. Together we become God's family.

Let us worship God!



+HYMN #376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* to BEECHER
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

+PRAYER OF THE DAY (together)

Great and loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word,

that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever and ever and to ages of ages. Amen.

+HYMN #454 *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* LIEBSTER JESU

WELCOME

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Risen Christ Opens the Scriptures to Us

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

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



LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 10:44-48 The Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

I John 5:1-6 Faith overcomes the world.
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

Aaron Copland.arr. Finer

John 15:9-17 Jesus' great commandment is "Love one another."
 The Word of the Lord. / Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Love is Love is Love

We Respond in Faith with Thanksgiving

+HYMN #367 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Apostles' Creed* (Traditional Version, p. 14)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

Allemande

G.F. Handel

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 up 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 name:

(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!**

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

(SINGING)

**Crucified upon the cross--, Alleluia!
Christ has overcome all loss--, Alleluia!
Resurrected now he lives, Alleluia!
To-- our world new life he gives--, Alleluia!**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF THE RISEN LORD

(We partake of the bread together; we drink the cup as we are served.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out As Resurrection People to Serve

+HYMN #2241 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* LAND OF REST

+CHARGE, BENEDECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

May 6, 2018 ~ The Sixth 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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LUNCH AND LEARNING SERIES: Today Donna Goodfriend will show a TED talk regarding a Christian response to the tragic increase in violence and crime in our country. Afterwards she will lead a discussion regarding how we personally respond to this violence and what we as Christians might do despite the fact that thankfully we are rarely touched by such violent occurrences. Our second Lunch and Learning event is on **May 20**. While it will involve a great lunch and an opportunity to learn about how the Clinton community has pledged to support the “Rise Against Hunger” program, you also will be asked to make a donation. Stone Church has pledged to raise \$2000 for **Rise Against Hunger**, a community-wide meal-packing event which will take place at the Clinton Methodist Church in September 2018. Our luncheon will enable us to learn more about the Rise Against Hunger program and the many ways we can participate in this event. Following our lunch, a free will offering will be made, the proceeds of which will be used towards Stone Church’s \$2000 pledge.

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.

COUNTRY PANTRY UPDATE: The Country Pantry will accept all food donations. Starting in May through August they will be collecting for the kids’ packs which are a substitute for the school lunches they do not receive during the summer. Items needed: individual pudding or jello cups, fruit cups, small boxes of raisins, peanut butter crackers, & cheese crackers. Questions please see Judy LaGasse

OUR ANNUAL PIE SALE will be held on **Saturday, May 19th**, from 10am to 2pm. We will need donations of pies or monetary donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Any kind of pie will be accepted. Use your imagination! The proceeds from this sale will go toward supporting our Women’s Association mission projects. Questions? Contact Donna Goodfriend or Ceil Gilbert.
Thank you, Women’s Association

FAIR TRADE SHOP: Now is the season to think about gifts for Mother’s Day, Showers, Weddings, Graduations, etc. We have gorgeous scarves, beautiful silver goblets, china items useful for cocktail/appetizer time, dipping bowls for Asian foods, which are amazingly crafted, bookends, baskets, exquisite jewelry and much, much more. These items and many more are available for purchase in our Fair Trade Shop, Stone Presbyterian Church, 8 So. Park Row, Clinton. Our shop hours are every Thursday from 10am to 6:30pm and second Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. For more information, contact Lauralyn Kolb, lkolb@hamilton.edu, 315-725-1326, visit our website at www.stonepres.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stonepres.

TAPESTRY CONCERT AT STONE CHURCH

The Tapestry Concert will be on **Friday, May 11, at 7:00 PM.**

G. Roberts Kolb, director

Storytelling in Music

Carissimi, *Jonas*

Menotti, *The Unicorn, the Manticore, and the Gorgon*

Parry, *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*



THE CALENDAR

Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Tapestry Concert Rehearsal
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	PEO Meeting
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Fair Trade Shoppe
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Tapestry Concert Rehearsal
Friday:	7:00 p.m.	Tapestry Concert
Sunday:	9:15 a.m.	Choir
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Worship

GREETERS & HOSTS: Bev Miller and Mary Chamberlain

COMMUNION: Emily Hughes and John Stiefvater

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 go to our website www.stonepres.org and click on “Prayer Request” or call the church office at 315-853-2933.

Prayer Request

Linda Todd
 Fred Kaiser
 The Family of Anne Kinnel
 Bob Simon
 Bill Porter
 Donna Robinson
 Tom Soja
 Ewa Lawrence & family
 Doris Locke
 Carolyn Barnum
 Debra LaFont
 Doug Lockwood
 The Dietz Family
 Kevin Karin Family
 I pray for my children & grandchildren to seek
 God; and attend church
 Sara Tolliver
 Mary Peterson
 Lora Schilder & Family
 Patricia Joseph & Family
 Margaret Buckley
 The Family of Gil Adams
 Gary LaGasse

Members/Friends of the Week:

Deborah Gakpo
 David and Colleen Geer
 Sherry Robinson and Phil Conley

LAST CALL: These Days, Daily Devotionals for April through June are available at the rear of the Sanctuary.