

**The Stone Church of Willow Glen -
Presbyterian Church (USA)
San José, California
July 5, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.**

The Preparation for the Word

*Before worship, speak with God. During
worship, let God speak to you. After worship,
speak with one another.*

Prelude

Selections from the “Anna Magdalena Notebook”

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” (How Lovely Shines the Morning Star) (Chorale Prelude)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier” (Dearest Jesus, we are here)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

*Sonus Paradisi virtual organ: Ménestérol Organ,
Church of Saint Peter in Chains, Ménestérol, France (1980)*

Pam Hood, Interim Organist

Welcome

The Rev. Sammie Evans, Pastor

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 145)*

Derk Johnson, Ruling Elder

We come to give thanks to our God

To speak of the glory of God’s kingdom and tell of God’s mighty deeds

God’s love and presence endures throughout all generations

The Lord is faithful and gracious in all things

God upholds us and raises us up

God opens God’s hand, and is just and kind in all of God’s ways and doings.

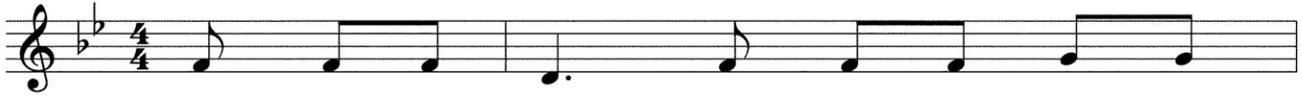
The Lord is near to all who call,

We call upon our God today. Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn #467

“How Great Thou Art” (vs 1, 2 & 4)

How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When thru the woods and for - est glades I
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r thru - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou



art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Call to Confession

Friends, we come to a time of confession week after week because we acknowledge that none of us are perfect. We stumble, we make mistakes, we hurt those we are supposed to love. And yet, when we are honest with ourselves, one another, and with our God, we are met with mercy, grace, and an invitation to try again. Thus, we boldly pray together:

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, that we may turn back to your ways of justice and mercy, love and peace. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. My dear friends, know that wherever you've been and whatever you've done, God is with you and for you still. In Christ, we are all forgiven. We are reconciled back to God and to one another, and we are made whole. Halleluiah! And amen.

Passing of the Peace Liturgy

May we receive and offer the peace that Christ offers.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of Christ be with our neighbors, our friends, and our families.

And also with you.

The peace of Christ be with the stranger, our enemies, those who are feared.

And also with you.

The peace of Christ be with the world and all of God's beloved.

And also with you.

Sisters, brothers, and siblings in Christ, let us be at peace with ourselves and with all who we meet. Amen.

We Listen To God's Word

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Anthem

*“Psalm 42 - As the Hart Pants” Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
video created by Nancy Kromm, Choir Director*

Psalm 42 presents the image of a deer (hart), that most noble and graceful of creatures, dehydrated and weakened near death as it seeks the life giving refreshment of water. This becomes of course the metaphorical image for us and our souls...how many of us have been so desperately parched and dehydrated, seeking God's living water? And in the musical setting of Mendelssohn, we hear an answer rising-- announcing emphatically to simply trust in God, that the living water will be found, that we will be refreshed. In the final triumphant chorus, we thank and praise God for the life-giving water and the promise of sustenance for our souls.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Sermon

“Resting in God”

The Rev. Sammie Evans

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

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Offertory

"My Tribute" (To God Be the Glory)

Andraé Crouch (1942-2015)

Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.*

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion

Welcome & Invitation

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 good and right to give thanks and praise

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

Closing Hymn #500

500 Become to Us the Living Bread

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Miriam Drury, 1970

French melody, 15th century
Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls, 1623

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia! 1. Be - come to us the liv - ing bread
2. Be - come the nev - er - fail - ing wine,
3. May Chris - tians all with one ac - cord

By which the Chris - tian life is fed, Re - newed, and great - ly
The spring of joy that shall in - cline Our hearts to bear the
U - nite a - round the sa - cred board, To praise Your ho - ly

com - fort - ed,
cov - enant sign,
name, O Lord,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Blest be the Tie That Binds” #438
“Dona Nobis Pacem”

ASL Interpreter ~ Hannah Pahl

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Announcements on the following page.

PW College Scholarships – Just a reminder that the Hudspeth Trust of the PW is offering college scholarships again this year. You can receive an application via e-mail at office_manager@stonechurch.org. The deadline for all applications and recommendations is **Wednesday, July 15th** mailed to the church office or via e-mail to keiferj@sbcglobal.net. Any questions, Contact Jan Keifer at e-mail address above or 408-504-1876.

Irene is on Family Leave and will be out of the office through Sept 8. We all need to help her stick to her “no work” commitment. She will not be checking her work email, and will not have the energy for visitors, so “snail mail” is a good option to send a note, or card of love and encouragement. Irene and Marion will have a full house with Eden, Ezra, as well as Irene’s parents visiting for a month. Irene has promised to show up during a Zoom worship service.

What’s Happening - The Office remains closed indefinitely. Victor and Sonia have come in to clean the office, organ area in the sanctuary, and the fireside room. Sessions has allowed Jennifer to work a few days a week out of the office, working from home the rest of the week. Pam has the okay to practice the organ in the sanctuary; and Sharon LeClaire is allowed to work out of the fireside room as needed; hence those areas being cleaned first. However, as those plans were laid out, an irrigation pipe (from 1946 original construction) broke and all water to the church has been shut off. So, at the moment, nothing is happening in the church building. The Office Manager gives special thanks to the whole B&G team for their knowledge and backup during this leaky 10 days. There is never a dull moment that is for sure!

Elder & Deacon Assignments, Beginning July 1st - Thank you for keeping our church on track and tending to our congregation.

Elders		Deacons	
Budget & Finance (B&F)	Stephen Lord & Amity Bateman	Moderator & Vice	Janice Goertz & Jodi Lax (VM)
Building & Grounds (B&G)	Julie Ludwig & Fred Oliver	Card Ministry	Amber Biscardi
Christian Education (CE)	Bob Cole, Kathy Stark, & Alice McNelis	Easter Egg Hunt	Nanci Eksterowicz, Julia Kiplinger, & Kelsey Lax
Membership & Communications (M&C)	Mike Raby-Brown & Lizanne Oliver	Fall/Spring Events	Barbara Krause & Aby Ryan
Nominating	Fran Cole	Flower Coordinator	Sue Evans
Personnel & Admin (P&A)	Brian Gustafson & Emily Meacham	Greeter/Home Communion	Angie Davidson
Stewardship	Jody Meacham, Derk Johnson & Charlotte McNelis	Memorial Coordinators	Ginny Barret & Sabine Nelson
StoneWorks	Todd Davidson & Bob Fraser	Nominating Committee	Jim Hagan
Worship	Tammy Coleman & Nina Mundi	Parents’ Day Out	Nancy Paul, Nancy Shearer, Julia Kiplinger, & Kelsey Lax
		Prayer Chain	Jan Keifer & Steven Graham
		Secretary	Tim Collins
		Stone Cares	Scott Nelson, Ronni Pahl, & Kate Wheatley
		Visitation Coordinators	Mike Kunz & Wayne Martin