



***The Stone Church of Willow Glen -
Presbyterian Church (USA)
San José, California***

***October 24, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.
22nd Sunday after Pentecost***

The Preparation for the Word

*Before worship, speak with God.
During worship, let God speak to you.
After worship, speak with those around you.*

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome

Moment for Stewardship

Call to Worship

Like water drenching a desert,

God's grace is poured into our hearts.

Like an optometrist putting a pair of glasses on a child,

Jesus helps us to see the wonders around us.

Like a mother wiping tears off a child's cheeks,

The Spirit comforts us when everything falls apart.

Let us worship God!

Pam Hood, Organist

The Rev. Sammie Evans, Pastor

Nicholas Hurley, Liturgist

Opening Hymn #467 *"How Great Thou Art" (choir singers only) (v 1, 2 & 4)*

1
Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

2
When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
<Refrain>

Refrain:
**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**
**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

4
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
<Refrain>

Call to Confession

We say we want to be close to God, but through our foolish choices and wandering hearts, we usually end up so far away that we cannot find our way back. But our lives will not keep God from searching for us, forgiving us, and bringing us back to God. Let us confess our lives to the One who is our hope, our mercy, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Holy God, we admit that we are quick to spew painful words and slow to breathe praise and love for another. Our selfishness keeps us from seeing the hurts and hunger of those around us. Our fear keeps us from stepping out in faith. Our anxiety keeps us from trusting that you are with us, and our cynicism keeps us from calling out to you for healing and for hope.

Have mercy on us, O God, and release us from our faithlessness, our fears, and our hurts. Healer of all of Creation, we lift our hearts and souls to you, that through Jesus, the Christ, we might find your grace, discover your love, and serve all people in your name. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Please remain seated and greet folks
seated around you with a sign of peace*

We Listen To God's Word

The Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 31:7-9 (O.T., p. 734)*

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Psalm Reading *Psalm 126 (O.T., p. 572)*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Anthem

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*H.T. Burliegh
Peggy Spool, Soloist*

Children's Sermon

(Children dismissed to church school)

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52 (N.T., p. 47)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

The Rev. Sammie Evans

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

*After worship please drop your offering into the basket in the Narthex.
See the end of the bulletin for other ways to donate.*

Offertory

"Toccata"

Giovanni Battista Martini (1706-1784)

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

Prayers of the People and 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 #280

"Amazing Grace" (choir singers only)

1
Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4
The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Nun danket alle Gott"

arr. Otmar Faulstich (b. 1938)

*Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.
Please exit thru the back doors, thru the Narthex to the patio.*

ASL Interpreter ~ Amberle Walsh

Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**.

We welcome the sound of little ones during worship:

If your baby gets too wiggly for you, you may take them to the nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall.

~ Below are some ways to donate to Stone Church ~

- After worship please place your donation in one of the offering baskets in the Narthex

PayPal

- *Use your own PayPal account to send money to office_manager@stonechurch.org.
- Use Stone's PayPal account via the "donate" button at www.stonechurch.org/ ~ **2.89%** + **49¢** per transaction fee will be applied.

*See PayPal's website for fee chart. Fee dependent on payment method: credit card (yes), PayPal balance or a bank account (no).

OR

- Use your bank's online bill pay to send a check to Stone Church.
- Drop your check in the **locked** mail box outside the office door – 1108 Clark Way.
- Mail check: 1937 Lincoln Ave, SJ Ca 95125
- Sign-up for automatic checking withdrawal. Contact office_manager@stonechurch.org.

Welcome Guests and Visitors! We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship. If you have children, they are welcome to worship with you for the entire service, or to join the other children during the Children's Sermon & Church School.

Visitor/Prayer Request Card – Visitors who'd like to give the office their contact information can complete one of the "cards" located in the pew-back holders and place it in the offering plate. "Regulars" may also use these to update their contact info, or for anyone to make a prayer request to the Pastors and Deacons.

Adult Ed? (11am) – Not sure if there is something being offered this week, if there is, an announcement will be made during worship. If so, meet in the Sanctuary, or via Zoom with this link and password (**stone**): (ID: 819 1271 0217)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81912710217?pwd=eXVhYkIrcHY4LzVrWXNKZk5wZlh6QT09>

Please Continue Sign-ups for in-person worship <https://rsvp.church/r/G6MPyS7U>. You're welcome to sign up for multiple events with this link.

Human Trafficking is modern-day slavery! Join our action stand **tomorrow Mon, Oct 25th**. Meet in the church patio at 8:15 a.m. to pick-up signs and brochures and stand with us on Lincoln Ave. Questions? Contact Claudia Hamm at jnchamm@gmail.com.

Remembering the Saints – During worship **next Sun, Oct 31st**, we will name and honor the saints among us who have died this past year (Nov 2020 - present). To have your loved ones included in the list, please email their names by **this coming Thu Oct 28th** to Rev. Irene Pak Lee (irene_pak@stonechurch.org).

Stone Church Snow Trip 2022 – After a one-year hiatus, we are again planning the Stone Church weekend snow trip to Lake Tahoe for **Fri-Sun, Jan 28th - 30th, 2022**. We'll be staying at the beautiful lakeside grounds of the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center. If you are interested in learning more about this fun get-away, please get in touch with Chris and Marta Coleman (cnmstuff@sbcglobal.net or 1-408-265-2467). We will be taking **sign-ups through the month of October**, and hope you can join us!

Preludes by Request – If you have a particular hymn or song you'd like Pam Hood to play during the worship prelude, please email her the song title/composer and she will work it into her schedule (pamela.hood@gmail.com).

Ushering – There is a need for ushers in the coming weeks of October and all the way through December. Ushering is a great way to be involved and it doesn't take very much time. Please email Jodi Lax (Jodi.d.lax@gmail.com) with dates you would be available, or sign up at the table on the patio. Thank you for helping!

Post-Covid---A Growth Opportunity? – Meeting dates have changed; contact Kathleen (1-408-499-9275, kathleenobrien2004@gmail.com) if you need updated information.

Shirley Kistler Memorial – We will have an in-person memorial for Shirley Kistler on **Sat, Nov 13th** (11am-noon).

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service Here! - Stone Church will be hosting this years' service on **Sun, Nov 21st** (6:30 pm). Save the date!

75th Anniversary – Big things are being planned by our committee co-chairs, Glenda Bowman and Carrie Giorgianni. We look forward to the weekend of celebrations planned for next spring. Over the coming months we will provide dates and details!

StoneCares, a congregational and community support network led by the Deacons, offers meals, rides, and other types of support provided by congregational volunteers. If you need such services or would like to volunteer to help, call or email the StoneCares Coordinators: Nancy Shearer (sswstyle@sbcglobal.net, 408-781-5736) or Tim Collins (tim_collins@yahoo.com, 408-914-1743); or email Stonecares@stonechurch.org.

Aluminum & PETE (#1) Plastic "CRV" Containers - Please bring your rinsed (*and ideally, crushed*) "CA-CRV" labeled items to the designated bins in the side hallway between the kitchen and the nursery (across from the handicapped bathroom). Sorry, but our new recycler does NOT accept glass or other-numbered plastics, even if CA CRV-labeled. The refund money goes to the Children's Mission Fund; thanks, from Dumpster Diver Bill Lakatos.

Our liturgist this morning is
Nicholas Hurley.

Today's Deacon greeter is **Steven Graham.**

This week's ushers include: **Susan Bedolla**
and **Jodi Lax.**

You are cordially invited to continue enjoying
God's grace by joining us at our coffee
fellowship in the Social Hall after the
Worship service. During October, the
Membership & Communications
Committee and friends are serving coffee
and refreshments.

Membership Inquiry Luncheons are twice a
year; our next one will be in March of 2022.

Calendar

October 24 – 31, 2021

Sunday (10/24)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
10- 10:30am Church School
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio
11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom

Monday (10/25) Sammie Off - Continuing Ed

1pm PW Book Group #1
6 - 8pm Vivace - SA
6:30 - 8pm Vivace (Ensemble) - SH

Tuesday (10/26) Sammie Off - Con Ed

7pm Deacons - Zoom

Wednesday (10/27) Sammie Off - Con Ed

4:15 - 6:45pm Vivace (Int A&B) - SH

Thursday (10/28) Sammie Off - Con Ed

6 - 8pm Vivace (Ensemble) - SH/SA

Friday (10/29) Sammie Off - Con Ed; Jennifer Off

Saturday (10/30) Sammie Off - Con Ed

Next Sunday (10/31) Halloween

9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom

10- 10:30am Church School

10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio



OCTOBER Birthdays

(1) Sarah Ciccarello; (2) Jeff Mattan & Elvet Moore;
(3) Wayne Martin & Diana Boydston; (7) Suzy Brooks,
Shannon Bayatpur & Judi Kaiser; (8) Jay Evans; (13)
Catherine Edwards; (14) Megan Ritchie; (17) Paul
Viitanen; (20) Sean Coleman & Christy Wait; (21)
Martha Duke & Mike Kunz; (25) Scott Nelson, Dan
Raby, & Jenny Kromm; (26) Alice McNelis & Katie
Henry; (27) Leila Summers; (28) Steve Ciccarello; (29)
Fred Oliver, Nancy Shearer, & Amity Bateman; (30)
Claire Ribble

OCTOBER Anniversaries

Jody & Scott Salzer (10/9/2004); Bill & Mike Raby-
Brown (10/19/2013); Fran & Bob Cole (10/20/1979);
Nancy & Leroy Kromm (110/23/982); Kaye &
Matthias Lathe (10/28/2006); Fran Basso & Julia
Kraemer (10/31/2014)

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The Elders of the Session

Clerk of Session ~ Mel Goertz

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Mike Raby-Brown	Kathy Stark	Barbara Krause
		Brad Tips

The Board of Deacons

Moderator ~ Jodi Lax

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
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		Brandon
		Walters