The Preparation for the Word

Prelude

Pam Hood, Organist

Welcome

The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor

A Word from our Youth Advisors

Glenda Bowman, Malia Clark, Carrie Giorgianni, Marion Lee, Kathleen Oliver & Rosaleen Zisch

Call to Worship

Written by Jordan Ryan, 10th grade

Every time we gather together, we are reminded of each other’s love and support for one another. As we gather today for worship, we are reminded of this love and support and feeling of family. Our community is slowly starting to get back to normal and we are starting to see more and more people coming together and seeing each other’s smiles again. Throughout COVID-19, Stone Church has come together more than ever before to reach out to people through Zoom and through acts of service and friendship. Through these trying times our faith and bond with God has strengthened. Let us worship God together.
Opening Song

“Come As You Are”
Crowder

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let the rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
<chorus>
So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure
<chorus>
Come as you are
And fall in His arms
Come as you are
There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
<chorus>
Come as you are
Come as you are

Call to Confession

Riley Gustafson, 10th grade

When we break our word - God knows; when we hurt one another - God knows; when we ignore the needy - God knows. God knows us fully and loves us anyway. So let us come and freely confess our mistakes to our loving God. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Alex Coleman, 10th grade

Loving and Forgiving God, we come before you acknowledging our mistakes openly and honestly to you. We are sorry for not having more patience with our families and at times finding ourselves selfish and lazy. We are sorry for looking past the gifts you bring us every day and forgetting to find the good in things.

God, we are sorry that we have a hard time trusting you in the ups and downs and disbelieving that you know what is right for us. Finally, God, we confess that we do not always trust you and doubt you a lot. Forgive us.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Ella Predium, 7th grade

People of faith, God’s loving spirit always forgives us and welcomes us no matter how many times we mess up. That’s good news for everyone today! We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.
Passing of the Peace

Logan Lord, 10th grade

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet. Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace. Friends, may we receive and offer the peace that Christ offers. The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

We Listen To God’s Word

The First Lesson

Psalm 139:1-18

Various Youth Readers

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night’, even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them— they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Anthem

“Reckless Love”

Cory Asbury

Ainsley Bateman (10th grade), Alyssa Blodgett (12th grade), Emiko Easton (6th grade) & Irene Pak Lee

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath,
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

<chorus>
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down,
Fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
And I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love
fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

<chorus>
There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me (repeat 2xs)

<chorus>
Children’s Sermon

Morgan Lord, 10th grade

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

Lily Gross, 9th grade

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. This is the Word of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Kiana Lord, Charlotte McNeilis & Alyssa Blodgett, Seniors Class of 2021

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Isaac Miller, 7th grade

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Offertory

“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

Hillsong

Emiko Easton, 6th grade; Jeremy Easton, guitar

<chorus>

All these pieces
Broken and scattered
In mercy gathered
Mended and whole
Empty handed
But not forsaken
I’ve been set free I’ve been set free

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost
But now I am saved
Was blind but now I see

Oh I can see You now
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure
You take our weakness
You set Your treasure
In jars of clay
So take this heart, Lord
I’ll be Your vessel
The world to see Your life in me
Dedication of the People and Their Gifts

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
Kelsey Lax, 10th grade

Prayers of the People
Julia Kiplinger, 10th grade

The Lord’s Prayer
Isaac Miller, 7th grade

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 Song
“My Lighthouse”
Rend Collective
Led by Kiki, Morgan & Logan Lord

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won’t walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea
In the silence, You won’t let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

<chorus>
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
(oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) (x2)
Safe to shore

Charge and Benediction
Kiana Lord, Charlotte McNelis, Alyssa Blodgett

Postlude
“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller
Original bulletin art created by Lily Mattan, 6th grade
Anthem video produced by Ainsley Bateman, 10th grade

**Special thanks to our 2020-2021 Youth Advisors:** Glenda Bowman, Malia Clark, Carrie Giorgianni, Marion Lee, Kathleen Oliver & Rosaleen Zisch!

**Youth Group Worship Service Participants:** Ainsley Bateman, Alyssa Blodgett, Alex Coleman, Emiko Easton, Lily Gross, Riley Gustafson, Julia Kiplinger, Kelsey Lax, Kiana Lord, Morgan Lord, Logan Lord, Lily Mattan, Charlotte McNelis, Isaac Miller, Ella Predium, Jordan Ryan

**ASL Interpreter ~ Hannah Pahl**

**Zoom Worship Coordinator ~ The Rev. Sammie Evans**
Coordinates the logistics of the worship participants, via Zoom controls.

**Backup ~ The Rev. Irene Pak Lee**

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**Announcements**

**Mother’s Day Flowers** – Today’s floral arrangement is dedicated to all mothers on this special day. XO and always in our hearts!

**StoneWorks Social Justice Actions This Month** – StoneWorks and our partners have several important ways to get involved in housing, racial, and environmental justice this month. Join us!

- **This week:** Click here to ask your congress person to co-sponsor and vote to support the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) applauds this effort to care for a suffering creation and supports passage of this bill.

- **Affordable Housing Month** - The whole month of May is Affordable Housing Month and there are many free on line events available at https://siliconvalleyathome.org/events/ - here are a few…
  - **Tomorrow, Mon, May 10th** (noon) – Bay Area Micro Homes Tour, hosted by Firm Foundation Community Housing and First Presbyterian Church of Hayward. RSVP here for this online event.
  - **Tomorrow, Mon, May 10th** (5:30 pm) – “Interim Housing: is it a game changer for housing the homeless?”, an online event hosted by City of San Jose Housing Dept. RSVP here.
  - **Tue, May 18th** (2 pm) – “Racial Equity & Homeownership” hosted by The Two Hundred. RSVP here.
  - Additional events for Affordable Housing Month from SV@Home are listed here.

**Youth Book Study** – Each week of May, the youth group will gather outside to read and discuss the book “This Book is Anti-Racist” by Tiffany Jewell, with Rev. Irene & Charlotte McNelis leading. Our next meeting is **this coming Thu, May 13th** (3 pm) on the church courtyard. If you need a free book, Rev. Irene still has a few available. RSVP, or e-mail any questions to (irene_pak@stonechurch.org).
Bible Study with Rev. Sammie – Once a month Sammie will lead a Bible study on Zoom, starting this coming Thu, May 13th (5pm). The studies will focus on the scripture she will be using for her upcoming sermon. Use this Zoom link to access: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897055290.

The Liturgical Arts Group welcomes all those who have been fully vaccinated and have been missing sewing together for the past year, to join us in the backyard of Lincoln House on Fri, May 14th (1:30 pm) under the new gazebo, weather permitting. Check the forecast and if it's going to be clear and at least 68 degrees, come on by. There will be small tasks to do by hand for the current year-long banner preparation, but if you have home projects to work on (do people still darn socks?!), bring them along for a brief time (an hour?) of fellowship. Bring your masks.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month – As a way to acknowledge that month, Rev. Sharon LeClaire will preach and teach Adult Ed next Sun, May 16th. The class will be based on Sharon's book: Psalms for People Like Us: Twice Daily Devotions for those with Mental Health Challenges. The book and class are for everyone; you do not need to be facing mental health issues to enjoy and learn from the class. If you would like a book, email your mailing address to Pastor Sharon (sharon.j.leclaire@gmail.com) and she will send you one...no charge.

Takeout Dinner Fund Raiser - Men’s Mission and Ministry (MMM) is raising funds for their mission partners, including Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley, Camp Daybreak, and Westminster Woods. They are starting small, but they may scale up if it is successful. They are making 10 dinners that serve 4 adults, with 3 meal options to choose from, with add-on wine and dessert options. All meals will be delivered to you on May 22nd, by 6:30 pm.

These 10 meals are first come, first served, so if you are interested contact Eric Olson (text or call 408-679-0620) with your order, supply is limited. Donation payments made to Stone Church collected at meal delivery.

Meal #1 – $75 donation each – (1) rack (12 or more) smoked pork back ribs with BBQ sauce; (2) large baked potatoes (w/side sour cream); coleslaw (4 meals for 4 are available).

Meal #2 – $60 donation each – (1) whole rotisserie herb roasted chicken; buttered carrots; basmati rice (2 meals for 4 available).

Meal #3 – $60 donation each – Bowtie pasta with homemade pesto sauce (with walnuts), chicken, and parmesan cheese (4 meals for 4 available)

Wine add-on - $20 donation (1) Bottle of Ribble Family Winery Zinfandel or Cabernet Sauvignon (your choice).

Dessert add-on - $5 each - Buttermilk cupcakes with chocolate frosting (24 available); OR Carrot cupcakes with cream cheese frosting (24 available).

Shelter In Place Group – Stone Church’s Shelter In Place Group was formed about a year ago to provide a meeting place for congregants who felt isolated by the restrictions which arose because of COVID-19. It gave group members a chance to connect with others who were experiencing the same sense of isolation. Nowadays, with the availability of covid vaccinations for most everyone, members feel a sense of relief and freedom to see more of our family members, friends, etc. Even though things have not entirely returned to “normal”, we’ve decided to stop the group for now, and we’ll have our last meeting on Wed, May 19th. This last meeting will be in person and will be a breakfast potluck to give us a chance to celebrate our new found “freedom”. Kathleen O’Brien, founder of the group, writes: “I wish to thank all of those who attended this group and to express my appreciation for all that each of you contributed. Thanks, too, to Rev. Sammie and Rev. Irene for supporting us.Blessings & Peace to all.”
Seniors-in-Transition (S.I.T.) will meet Thu, May 20th at (11am-noon) via Zoom. We're storytelling different stages of our lives over the next couple of months and this month the topic will be memories of specifically our adolescence/teenage years. Join us! Questions? Contact Rev. Irene Pak Lee.

**Seniors in Transition (S.I.T.) Zoom Meeting**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4645348883
Meeting ID: 464 534 8883

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**Pentecost Sunday** is May 23rd, and we encourage folks to wear RED to represent the Pentecost Holy Spirit.

**The Pentecost Offering**, one of the 4 PCUSA nation-wide special offerings, helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We will collect our special offering on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd**.

**Congregational Meeting May 23rd** – Immediately following worship, stay to nominate and elect Elders and Deacons to serve as officers of the church for the next 3 years (Class of 2024). Committee annual reports will be presented as well.

**Graduate Recognition** – During worship on Sun Jun 6th, we will recognize our 2021 High School and College graduates. If that’s you (or your child is graduating), and you’d like to be included, please provide your name, name of school you are graduating from, and your next step...(name of college, training program, job position, and major if known; or if college graduate, what is your degree, and what are you doing next?). Send info to Rev. Irene Pak Lee (Irene_pak@stonechurch.org) or the office (office_manager@stonechurch.org).


**May Anniversaries** – June & Ed Tablak (5/3/1945); Jennifer Scott-Brand and Jeff Brand (5/23/1992); Rhonda & Bill Lakatos (5/29/1971)

If you’d like to be included in our lists, please email Jennifer (office_manager@stonechurch.org) and give her your birthday and/or anniversary. Children under 18 are not listed, but we can update our database if you’d like to provide their information.
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