



**The Stone Church of Willow Glen -  
 Presbyterian Church (USA)  
 San José, California  
 October 10, 2021 - 9:30 a.m.  
 20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Preparation for the Word**

**Prelude**

*Pam Hood, Organist*

**Welcome**

*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor*

**Call to Worship**

*Joanne Vliet, Liturgist*

*We come to hear the Word.*

**We come to live the Word.**

*We come to experience Comfort.*

**We come to experience Challenge.**

*We come to find Cost.*

**We come to find Joy.**

*We come to find Humanity.*

**We come to find Community.**

*We come to find Church.*

**We come to find God**

*Come and see and be a part of God's story of love today.*

**Let us worship God!**

**Opening Hymn #461**

*"God is Here!" (choir singers only)*

1  
*God is here! As we, your people,  
 meet to offer praise and prayer,  
 may we find in fuller measure  
 what it is in Christ we share.  
 Here, as in the world around us,  
 all our varied skills and arts  
 wait the coming of the Spirit  
 into open minds and hearts.*

2  
*Here are symbols to remind us  
 of our lifelong need of grace;  
 here are table, font, and pulpit;  
 here the Word has central place.  
 Here in honesty of preaching,  
 here in silence, as in speech,  
 here, in newness and renewal  
 God the Spirit comes to each.*

3  
*Here our children find a welcome  
 in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
 here, as bread and wine are taken,  
 Christ sustains us as of old.  
 Here the servants of the Servant  
 seek in worship to explore  
 what it means in daily living  
 to believe and to adore.*

4  
*Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
 in an age of change and doubt,  
 keep us faithful to the gospel;  
 help us work your purpose out.  
 Here, in this day's celebration,  
 all we have to give, receive:  
 we, who cannot live without you,  
 we adore you! We believe!*

## **Call to Confession**

*How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

**We confess to you, O Lord, what we are; we are not the people we like others to think we are; we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. But we do not want to hide our true selves from you. We believe you know us as we are, and you still love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge; teach us to respect ourselves for your sake; give us the courage to put our trust in your guidance and power. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Silence**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*The Rev. Sammie Evans, Pastor*

## **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 Psalm Lesson**

*Psalm 90:12-17 (O.T., p. 548)*

## **The Epistle Lesson**

*Hebrews 4:12-16 (N.T., p. 220)*

## **Anthem**

*"Humbled and Amazed"*

*by Julia Roberts*

*Julia Roberts & Derk Johnson, vocalists*

*Lord, You are the sovereign of the nations who stands above all governments and powers. You rule over Heaven and all earth's dominions and still hear these prayers of ours.*

*(chorus) So Lord God, I will seek Your face and I will stand and tell of Your power and Your grace, and I will sing as the angels sing Your praise. I am humbled and amazed. I am humbled and amazed.*

*Lord, You are the author of creation, who was and is and evermore will be. You fashioned the sun and the farthest of stars with the same hands that fashioned me.*

*Lord, You are the source of my salvation, who came to earth to show us how to love. You died for my sins and then went on ahead to prepare me a home above.*

## **Children's Sermon**

*Mary Jo Blazek, Church School Administrator*

## **The Gospel Lesson**

*Mark 10:17-27 (N.T., p. 46)*

## **Sermon**

*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee*

## **We Respond to the Good News**

## **Call for the Offering**

*Please deposit your gift in the offering plates in the Narthex or donate online*

## **Offertory**

*"Vater unser im Himmelreich" BWV 737*

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

**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 #339**     *“Be Thou My Vision” (choir singers only)*

<p>1 Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my <u>eyes</u>; illumine me, Spirit divine!</p>	<p>3 Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my <u>heart</u>; illumine me, Spirit divine!</p>
<p>2 Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my <u>ears</u>; illumine me, Spirit divine!</p>	

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*“Toccata” from Symphony No. 5 in F minor, Op. 42, No. 1*

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

*Feel free to depart quietly,  
but please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.*

**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.*

Our liturgist this morning is **Joanne Vliet**.  
Today's Deacon greeter is **Nancy Shearer**.  
This week's ushers include: **Deborah Crim**  
and **Leland Wong**.

**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.

**Worship** – Much like when we transitioned to Zoom, in-person worship may look and feel different. We have new audiovisual equipment to stream the service to those still at home, a limited choir, and no congregational singing. All worship leaders (those working the service) are verified vaccinated. Please forgive our stumbles along the way, as our path is still unlit and unknown.

**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. The cards can also be used for "regulars" to update their contact info, or for anyone to make a prayer request to the Pastors and Deacons.

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

**The Fourth Banner** from our Liturgical Arts group in their series *The Six Great Ends of the Church* PC(USA) is complete, representing *The Preservation of the Truth*; the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shining in the darkness for all the world to behold. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5). The previous 3 banners hang on the Sanctuary's back wall.

**Adult Ed** (11am) – Join Rev. Sammie for a theological discussion in the Sanctuary, or via Zoom with this link and password (**stone**): (ID: 819 1271 0217)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81912710217?pwd=eXVhYkIrcHY4LzVrWXNKZk5wZlh6QT09>

**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](mailto:Jodi.d.lax@gmail.com)) with dates you would be available. Thank you for helping!

**Please Continue to Sign-up for In-Person Worship** <https://rsvp.church/r/G6MPySTU> You are welcome to sign-up for multiple events with this link.

**Presbyterian Women Speaker Event** – On **this coming Sat, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** (10:15 am – 2:30 pm) join their webinar discussion with 3 prominent speakers, focusing on challenges facing all of us as we learn to become more resilient. One of the speakers, Kathleen Norris, is an award-winning poet, writer, and author, whose books include *Resilience: Challenges of the Spirit*; *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*; *The Cloister Walk*; and *Amazing Grace*. There is \$25 fee, and a mail-in registration form; contact Rosaleen Zisch ([rmgzisch@gmail.com](mailto:rmgzisch@gmail.com)).

**Sewing Little Dresses for Africa** – Our annual PW "sew-in" will again be done individually in participants' homes, and dropped off at the Church Office. The deadline to have the dresses ready for mailing is **Mon, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**. Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit Christian organization that provides relief to girls in Africa, where the dresses are distributed through orphanages, schools, and churches, to plant in the hearts of girls that they are worthy! If you'd like to participate, please contact Claudia Hamm at [inchamm@gmail.com](mailto:inchamm@gmail.com) for info and the dress pattern. Please sew along with us!

**Men's Book Group meets Mon, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** (7 pm) at David McCreath's, 15860 Poppy Lane #1, LG, to discuss "The Premonition: A Pandemic Story", by Michael Lewis. All men are welcome; even if you haven't read it, come (fully vaccinated) anyway, for the conversation, wine & snacks.

# Calendar

**Post-Covid---A Growth Opportunity?** – What did a year in isolation do to you? How did you cope? How have you changed? In what way did your values change? How have you grown? Kathleen O'Brien will be leading a small group (6-8 members, in person) to examine these issues and to provide support for this situation that has affected all of us. Membership will be limited to allow for a deep dive into both the problems and possible gifts of this difficult time.

The group will meet for 6 weeks, from **Tue, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**, through **Tue, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>** (10:30am – noon; skipping Thanksgiving week). We'll meet in Room 1; the fee is \$30/for 6 sessions; fee will be donated to Sacred Heart For more information contact Kathleen (1-408-499-9275, [kathleenobrien2004@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenobrien2004@gmail.com)).

**Seniors in Transition** will meet **Thu, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** (11 am) via Zoom. We will continue to share the stories of our lives through the decades; this month we'll talk about life in our 40's. Hope you'll join us as we share and get to know one another more deeply! Use this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87569125572> (this link is different from the previous link).

**Remembering the Saints** – During worship on **Sun, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 **Thu Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** to Rev. Irene Pak Lee ([irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org))

## October 10 – 17, 2021

### Sunday (10/10)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom  
 10am Church School  
 10:30 - 11:30am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom  
 2 - 4pm Y.Grp Pumpkin Carving - Backyard

### Monday (10/11)

6 - 8pm **Jennifer Off**  
 Vivace - SA  
 6:30 - 8pm Vivace (Ensemble) - SH  
 6:30 - 9:30pm Sapphire Circle - Room 6

### Tuesday (10/12)

11:30am - 1pm **Jennifer Off**  
 PW Lunch Bunch - Taiwan  
 7pm Stew'ship - Zoom; SWorks - Zoom  
 7:30pm P&A - Zoom

### Wednesday (10/13) Jennifer Off

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

### Thursday (10/14)

9 - 11:30am PWCT - SH  
 6 - 8pm Vivace (Ensemble) - SH/SA

### Friday (10/15)

### Saturday (10/16)

### Next Sunday (10/17)

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



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.

## ELECTED LEADERS

<b>The Elders of the Session</b>		
Clerk of Session ~ Mel Goertz		
<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Amity Bateman	Bob Cole	Fran Basso
Tammy Coleman	Derk Johnson	Carter Edwards
Todd Davidson	Emily Meacham	Gary Fritz
Julie Ludwig	Nina Mundi	Meredith Hurley
Alice McNelis	Fred Oliver	Barbara Krause
Charlotte McNelis	Kathy Stark	Brad Tips
Mike Raby-Brown		
<b>The Board of Deacons</b>		
Moderator ~ Jodi Lax		

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Sue Evans	Tim Collins	Malia Clark
Steven Graham	Angie Davidson	Michele Edwards
Jim Hagan	Nanci Eksterowicz	Morgan Lord
Jan Keifer	Julia Kiplinger	Wendy Lord
Jodi Lax	Mike Kunz	Jenny Pichon
Kelsey Lax	Ronni Pahl	Kathleen Oliver
Scott Nelson	Nancy Shearer	Maureen Searing
Nancy Paul		Brandon Walters

### 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 (11/23/982); Kaye & Matthias Lathe (10/28/2006); Fran Basso & Julia Kraemer (10/31/2014)

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