The Stone Church of Willow Glen - Presbyterian Church (USA)
& The Temple Emanu-El
San José, California
February 23, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

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

Chimes

Prelude *"The God of Abraham Praise (LEONI)"*
Daniel ben Judah (1404) & Myer Lyon (1750-1797); arr. by Pam Hood
Pam Hood, Interim Organist

The above hymn, also known as "The Living God Be Praised," is a Jewish hymn. The text is an adaptation of the Yigdal, a Jewish doxology. The tune is named after the Jewish cantor at the Great Synagogue in London, England, Myer Lyon, who transcribed it.

Choral Introit *"Open My Eyes That I May See" (Hymn #324)*
Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director

Welcome *The Rev. Sammie Evans, Pastor*

Call to Worship *Charlotte Dickson, Liturgist*

(One) *Come, let us praise God together! Blessed are we who place our trust in the Lord our God.*
(All) For our God is the Maker of the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything that lives within them;
(One) *Our God keeps every promise, and remains faithful forever.*
(All) Our God gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who are hungry.
(One) *Our God frees the prisoners, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts the burdens of those who are overwhelmed.*
(All) Our God cherishes those who do what is right, protects the immigrants, cares for the orphans and widows, and frustrates the plans of the wicked.
(One) *Our God reigns—today, tomorrow and forever.*
(All) Praise God!

***Opening Hymn #289** *"O God of Every Nation"*

Call to Lamentation

(One) *Throughout Scripture, God sends prophets to proclaim to God's people the ways of God's kingdom and the desire God has for Creation. Let us lament the systems of injustice and oppression which persist in our world; and let us repent of the ways in which we participate in and prop up these systems. Let us pray together:*

Prayer of Lamentation

(All) Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. We are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Free us from the evil of separation and intolerance. Bind us together through the power of your love and faithfulness.

Silence

Assurance of God's Faithfulness *from Psalm 36:5-9*
The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor

(One) God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, and God's faithfulness to the clouds. God saves the creatures of the earth, humans and animals alike.
(All) How precious is God's steadfast love!

(One) All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings, feast on the abundance of God's house, and drink from the river of God's delights.
(All) How precious is God's steadfast love!

(One) For with God is the fountain of life and in God's light may we see. How precious is God's steadfast love!
(All) Thanks be to God!

***The Passing of the Peace**

(One) May the mercy, peace, and love of God be yours in abundance. Peace be with you.
(All) And also with you.

The First Reading *Psalm 146 (O.T., p. 581)*

Anthem *"Sanctus"* *Robert Ray*

Children's Sermon *Rabbi Dana Magat*
(Children dismissed to church school)

The Second Reading *Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 17-22 (O.T., p. 167)*

Homily *Rabbi Dana Magat*

Call for the Offering

Offertory *"From Jewish Life: 1. Prayer"* *Ernest Bloch (1880-1959)*
arr. by Pam Hood

***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 & 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.

***Closing Hymn** *"For Everyone Born" (see insert)*
#769 from Glory to God hymnal

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Postlude *"Shalom, Chevarim! Farewell, Good Friends" (Hymn #537)*

**Those who are able may stand.*

ASL Interpreter ~ Hannah Pahl

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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.