



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

***June 13, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

**The Preparation for the Word**

**Chimes**

**Prelude**

*Pam Hood, Organist*

**Welcome**

*The Rev. Sammie Evans, Pastor*

**Call to Worship**

*Pauline Moore, Liturgist*

*Lizanne & Fred Oliver, Congregational Responders*

*All around us, God is looking for folks who will join in serving others.*

**It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us, watching for them to bloom in our lives.**

*In our midst, Jesus is walking among us, tending our hearts, watering us with grace.*

**It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls will grow big enough to welcome everyone.**

*From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work, gently tending this garden called life.*

**It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots to bring forth crops of justice and peace.**

**Opening Hymn #263**

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

## **Call to Confession**

*Beloved, we are made in the divine image, and God called us good. Yet we go our own way, causing harm to ourselves, to one another, and to the planet. Confident in the mercy of the One who made us and saved us, let us confess our sin to God and to one another.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of life,**

**You created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. Forgive us and make us agents of healing for the good of your creation. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life we pray. Amen.**

## **Silence**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Passing of the Peace Liturgy**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

## **We Listen To God's Word**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**     *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

*Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.*

## **Anthem**

*"Something Small"*

*by Mark Bruce*

*Stone Church Chancel Choir, Christy Wait, soloist*

*Nancy Kromm, Director*

## **Children's Sermon**

*Mary Jo Blazek, Church School Administrator*

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

*He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'*

*He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'*

*With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.*

**Sermon**

*"The Greatest of All Shrubs"*

*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee*

## We Respond to the Good News

### Call for the Offering

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### Offertory

*"A Pastoral Doxology"*

*by Pam Hood*

*Based on "Piano Sonata No. 15 in D Major, Op. 28*

*"Pastoral": IV. Rondo" by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)*

### 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 #267**      *"All Things Bright & Beautiful"*

## Charge and Benediction

**Postlude**      *"Fugue in E-flat Major" BWV 876 Well-Tempered Clavier Book 2 No. 7*  
*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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**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

**Flowers on Retable** this week are placed in celebration of Eden Hyunae Pak Lee's first birthday!

**Paraments** are now Green for the season of Ordinary Time, which composes the majority of the liturgical year. Also, the third banner, the Liturgical Arts group made, in the series of The Six Great Ends of the Church—"The Maintenance of Divine Worship," was hung. This banner features the elements of worship in the Presbyterian Church: The reading and hearing of The Word, the presence of The Holy Spirit, the two sacraments of Baptism and Communion, and MUSIC, an important part of Stone Church's services.

**Adult Ed** (11am) Join the Zoom meeting with the link on the next page to hear member Nina Mundi talk about her philanthropic journey to build a co-ed school in West Africa, with a primary focus on girls, to increase access to quality education. She'll also share what inspired her bold vision and key lessons she's learned along the way. To find out more about this project, go to: <https://ninaangelsacademy.com/construction>



Nina has been a member of Stone Church since 2015. She's served as a Deacon (2016-2019), and is currently serving on Session as a Ruling Elder - Vice Chair of the Worship committee.

Adult Ed Meeting link <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81912710217?pwd=eXVhYklrcHY4LzVrWXNKZk5wZlh6QT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81912710217?pwd=eXVhYklrcHY4LzVrWXNKZk5wZlh6QT09</a> Or use meeting ID: <b>819 1271 0217</b> Passcode: <b>stone</b> One tap mobile +16699006833,,81912710217# US (San Jose) +14086380968,,81912710217# US (San Jose)	Dial by your location +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Meeting ID: 819 1271 0217 Find your local number: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81912710217?pwd=eXVhYklrcHY4LzVrWXNKZk5wZlh6QT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81912710217?pwd=eXVhYklrcHY4LzVrWXNKZk5wZlh6QT09</a>
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**TODAY - Outdoor Summer Worship Services** – One Sunday a month, in addition to our regular morning Zoom worship, we will gather in the afternoon (2 pm) to worship together outside. That service will include individual and communal prayer, music, and time for reflection-- and most importantly time to feel connected to God, to the earth, and to one another. We invite you to mark your calendars for our first outdoor worship experience **TODAY at 2pm!** Today's outdoor service will have prayer/interactive stations that you will walk too, as well as music and communal prayer. There will be a few chairs along the way for those that might need a place to temporarily rest. You can still sign up at <https://rsvp.church/r/G6MPyS7U>. Click on the link, then click on the event title, enter your name, email, and number attending; you will receive a confirmation email.

**Employee Time Off** – Jennifer will be back in the office Wed, June 16<sup>th</sup>; Irene will be off June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Moving Day** – If you're able bodied and can do some light or heavy lifting, the Lee's would appreciate your help **next Sun, Jun 20<sup>th</sup>**. You can arrive any time after Zoom worship and come and go as needed! A pizza lunch will be provided. If you're willing & able, please let Marion Lee know so we can get a headcount for food. You can contact him at [marblee78@hotmail.com](mailto:marblee78@hotmail.com) or give him a call.

**Bible Study with Rev. Sammie** – Once a month Sammie is leading a Bible study on Zoom; her June one, on *Mark 5:21-43*, will be **Wed, Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>** (5pm). Use this Zoom link to access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897055290>.

**S.I.T.** – There will be no Seniors in Transition meeting in June. The next meeting will be in July and will continue the theme of your early years – as young adults (20's).

**PW's Hudspeth's Fund** is again offering scholarships for college bound individuals. If you are beginning to think about attending college (in person or virtually), be sure to think about applying for one of the Presbyterian Women's scholarships. Application forms are available via e-mail ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)) and/or if you wish to discuss your eligibility, etc., please contact Jan Keifer at [keiferjj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keiferjj@sbcglobal.net) or call 408-297-9611 and leave a message. Your call will be returned quickly. **The deadline is Thu, July 15<sup>th</sup>**. Applications can be mailed to PW of Stone Church, 1937 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125 or electronically to ([keiferjj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keiferjj@sbcglobal.net)). Hope you are looking forward to this new experience or returning to you campus of your choice.

**Tech Coordinator Position** – We're seeking a talented and creative Worship Technology Coordinator to help support the Audio/Visual technology needs for digital worship and deliver on a hybrid online/digital worship experience. The role is to oversee all technical aspects (lighting, sound, computer

graphics, and video presentation) of Sunday morning services. Support for Sunday morning worship is the number one priority of this position. This is a paid, part-time position; applicant must be able to work on Sunday mornings, with the remainder of the workdays and days off to be coordinated with the supervisor. Email [office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org) to get a copy of the full job description.

**June Birthdays:** (2<sup>nd</sup>) Isabel J.; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Glenn VDB; (4<sup>th</sup>) Barbara A; (12<sup>th</sup>) Nana oye; (19<sup>th</sup>) Rev. David M.; (22<sup>nd</sup>) Ronni P.; (23<sup>rd</sup>) Carrie G.; (23<sup>rd</sup>) Alice B.; (26<sup>th</sup>) Bob F.; (27<sup>th</sup>) Brian Mc.; (29<sup>th</sup>) Stephanie E.; (30<sup>th</sup>) Tab will be 100 years old!

**June Anniversaries:** Susan & Charlie Bedolla (6/11/99); Diane & Glen Van Den Bosch (6/11/77); Maureen Ryan & Michael Donald (6/13/98); Mary Stone & Craig Bowers (6/15/85); Claire & Bill Ribble (6/18/66); Alice & Brian McNelis (1991)

If you'd like to be included in our lists, please email Jennifer ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto: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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