

The Stone Church of Willow Glen - Presbyterian Church (USA)
San José, California
January 26, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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 “Christus, der ist mein Leben, P. 376” Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Pam Hood, Interim Organist

Choral Introit “Be Thou My Vision”
Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director

Welcome The Rev. Sammie Evans, Pastor

A Special Invitation: People Like Us The Rev. Sharon LeClaire,
Stated Supply Pastor

Call to Worship Mike Kunz, Liturgist

The Lord is our light and our salvation,

Whom shall we fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life,

Of whom shall we be afraid?

Come, let us seek God’s face. Let us seek God’s shelter and God’s ways.

And God will protect us, comfort us, and lead us.

Let us cry out to God:

**Lord, we seek you. Do not hide your face from us, for you are the
God of our salvation.**

Come, let us seek God.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #179** “God Is My Strong Salvation”

Call to Confession

When we have done something wrong or something has been done to us that makes us feel unworthy or broken or unlovable, we tend to hide ourselves from that fact. Not only that, we hide ourselves from those who do love us, and we hide ourselves from God. But God will never hide God’s face from us, but invites us to come before God, speak aloud our state of sin and separation, and be reconciled again back to God. Trusting in God’s promises, let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of Grace, help us to face our state of sin and separation, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn back to you, and find wholeness and reconciliation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Rev. Sharon LeClaire

***The Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Listen To God’s Word

The Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 9:1-4 (O.T., p. 638)*

The Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (N.T., p. 166)*

Anthem “Light of A Clear Blue Morning” Dolly Parton
Judy West, soloist

Children’s Sermon

(Children dismissed to church school)

The Gospel Reading *Matthew 4:12-23 (N.T., p. 3)*

Sermon “Following Jesus” The Rev. Sammie Evans

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Petit Offertoire” César Franck (1822-1890)

***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 #376** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"* *arr. by Pam Hood*

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

**Those who are able may stand.*

ASL Interpreter ~

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.

