



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

***June 26, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.
Pride Sunday***

The Preparation for the Word

Prelude *“La Rejouissance” (from Fireworks Music)*

*G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Barbara Vella, Substitute Organist*

Welcome

The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor

Call to Worship

Donna Erickson, Liturgist

We gather to hear and learn about the ways of God,

Who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

We gather to hear the story of God with God’s people.

God formed humanity from the ground, animated us with the breath of the Holy Spirit, and called us good.

We gather to tell the story of God’s mercy and faithfulness.

It is our story, for we are all God’s people.

It is a story of God’s inclusive love that is ever-expanding.

It is our story, for we are all God’s people.

And so, because God has called us fully into who we are, to live and be free and whole, we gather in the spirit of celebration of pride in who we are.

We gather in the spirit of koinonia in community. We gather with the essence of love and family. Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #455**

“All Creatures of our God and King”

1

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!*

2

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!*

3

*Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!*

4

*Thou fertile earth, that day by day
unfoldest blessings on your way,
O sing ye! Alleluia
The flowers and fruits that in the grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!*

Call to Confession

Jesus said, Come to me, all you who are tired, who are worn out from carrying heavy burdens. Put down the heavy load that you are carrying, and you will find rest for your souls. Let us join together in confession, trusting that we will find grace, rest, and peace in and through our merciful God.

Prayer of Confession (adapted from a More Light Presbyterians worship liturgy)

Loving Creator,

We confess that we too often desire “normal” knowing that normal is not a thing that exists. We are impatient, pushing process and progress for the sake of process and progress, and not for the sake of justice or kindness. We allow shame to rule us, partitioning off parts of ourselves instead of celebrating our abundance. We confess we lack imagination, refusing to open ourselves to the possibility that there can be other way to do things, another way to exist together.

In all of these things, O God: We forget we are made for joy. We forget we are made for pleasure. We forget we are made for relationships. Forgive us and help us to be honest with you and with ourselves about the truths in our lives that we need to acknowledge.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Irene Pak Lee

Siblings in Christ, as God's beloveds, we are made for joy. We are made for pleasure. We are made for relationships. We belong to one another just as certainly as we all belong to God. Know that you are loved. Know that you are forgiven. Know that you are valued, that you are worthy and be at peace.

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 Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 1:26-27 (Common English Bible)*

Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth." God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

The Gospel Lesson *John 3:16-17 (An Inclusive Language Lectionary)*

*For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Child, that whoever believes in that Child should not perish but have life. For God sent that Child into the world, not to condemn the world, but that through that Child the world might be saved.
This is the Word of our God. **Thanks be to God.***

Anthem "God of Rainbows" *by Julia Roberts*
Julia Roberts, vocals & Derk Johnson; guitar

Children's Sermon *Mary Jo Blazek, Church School Administrator*
(Children will return to sit with their parents today)

The Epistle Lesson *Romans 12:9-16b (Inclusive Language Lectionary)*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; be affectionately devoted to one another; outdo one another in showing honor. Never lag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Sovereign. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

Sermon *Rev. Irene Pak Lee*

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering *Kelsey Lax, Deacon*

Offertory "Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme" *Simon and Garfunkel*
Derk Johnson on guitar

***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 *Kelsey Lax, Deacon*

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

"Let Us Build a House" see insert

#301 Glory to God hymnal

1

*Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
<Refrain>*

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

4

*Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
<Refrain>*

2

*Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
<Refrain>*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Allegro" (from Symphony in D, op. 2, no. 5) William Boyce (1711-79)

*Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.
Please exit thru the back doors, thru the Narthex to the patio.*

ASL Interpreter ~ Amberle Walsh

Bulletin cover photo taken by Irene Pak Lee

*The Stone Church of Willow Glen acknowledges that
the land on which we worship this morning is the unceded land of the Muwekma Ohlone people.*

The liturgist this morning is **Donna Erickson.**

This week's ushers include
Bob & Fran Cole and Sue Evans.

You are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio after the Worship service. During June, the **Steward-ship Committee** and friends are serving coffee and refreshments.

Membership Inquiry Luncheons: Mar & Nov

Contact irene_pak@stonechurch.org

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. During the summer months, children remain in worship with you for the entire service, they are welcome to join the other children during the Children's Sermon. **There is no children's church school during the summer.**

We Welcome the sound of any little ones during worship, but if your baby gets too wiggly for you, you may take them to the nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary & the Social Hall. The nursery is for children ages 0-3.

The Worship Floral committee has provided the Retable flowers today to honor Ed “Tab” Tablak’s 101st birthday on June 30th! Tab has been a member of Stone Church for 65½ years! He and his wife, June (and 4 of their children) joined Stone Church at an altar call on Christmas morning, 1956! Forty-one people joined that day. Tab has been both an Elder and a Deacon several times and has remained an integral part of this church. Happy Birthday, Tab!

Adult Ed – SA (11am) – Join our Stephen Ministers for - *Alzheimer’s - the 10 Warning Signs and What to do Next*. Today’s speaker is Vanessa Souza, Senior Manager, Community Engagement at Alzheimer’s Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada. [Meeting ID: 819 1271 0217](#); Passcode: stone

Hazel James’ Memorial is Today at 3pm; everyone is welcome; a small reception will follow the service. The service is in-person and available on Facebook Live (not on Zoom). You don't need a FB account to log on, just scroll down until you see the video playing. The live feed will begin around 2:55PM. [Facebook.com/stonechurchwg](https://www.facebook.com/stonechurchwg)

Youth Group will be joining another church to play *Capture the Flag* **this Wed, Jun 29th** (7:30-9pm) at Hogue Park (Twilight Drive & White Oaks Ave, SJ, 95124). Join us for a fun evening! Contact Rev. Irene (irene_pak@stonechurch.org). The Youth Group is for those entering 6th grade through 12th.

Vacation Church School Has Been Canceled – If you have already signed up, Mary Jo will send you more information.

Pam Hood has Resigned as Our Organist - This past Tues, Session received a letter of resignation from our beloved organist, Pam Hood. Many of you know Pam has been on medical leave since February. Due to continued unknowns in her health, at this time she has decided to focus on her health and a full recovery. She hopes, and intends, to continue as part of this community when she is able. Please **save the date of Sunday, July 24th**, Pam will be back to play in worship. Let us join together to express our gratitude for her years of service. We are grateful for the joy and spirit she brought to worship and continue to hold her in our prayers as she focuses on her health.

Thank You Elders and Deacons Class of 2022 – These are the names of the outgoing class of 2022, **Deacons** - Amity Bateman, Tammy Coleman; Todd Davidson, Julie Ludwig, Alice McNelis, Charlotte McNelis, and Mike Raby-Brown; and **Elders** – Sue Evans, Steven Graham, Jim Hagan, Jan Keifer, Jodi Lax, Kelsey Lax, Scott Nelson, and Nancy Paul.

At the end of this month, they will end their 3-year term of service. This unsuspecting group of nominees started their 3-year term in July 2019, never realizing all the un-certainty and change that would mark their term, the church, and the world. Seek them out and give them a big *Thank You* for the amazing work they’ve done so graciously for our church and community; they are amazing! Next month we will welcome the new slate, Class of 2025!

College Scholarships Available from PW’s Hudspeth Trust – Applications for this year’s funds are available in the office (in the PW mail-slot), or to have an application emailed, contact the office (office_manager@stonechurch.org). If you have questions please contact Nanci Eksterowicz (nancigrace@comcast.net, 1-408-887-2965). The application **deadline is July 15th**. US mail your application to PW of Stone Church, 1937 Lincoln Ave, SJ 95125 or email nancigrace@comcast.net.

Irene’s Sabbatical – Typically, pastors earn their 3-month sabbatical after 7 years of service; Irene earned that milestone 3 years ago! She has scheduled her time away for **Jul 31st – Oct 31st**, and she will preach that last Sunday before leaving, July 24th. While away she won’t check email, Rev. Evie Macway will be here, and her door is always open. BTW, Irene will celebrate 10 years of working at Stone Church on August 1st!

Weekly Updates, from Fred Oliver, will be on hiatus through August, returning Sept 9th. During this time, the office will send out the bulletin on Fridays, via email. If you'd like to be added to our email list please send contact the office (office_manager@stonechurch.org).

Our Clerk of Session, Mel Goertz, will step down from the position on June 30th. The Clerk is the person who takes minutes for the Session and maintains all of the church's ledgers of membership, births, baptisms, deaths, and who has served as deacons, and elders. Mel has been our Clerk since July 2014, and has kept meticulous records and has been a great source of information throughout his term. Thank you, Mel, for your faithful service to our church and congregation! He will hand the books over to our new Clerk of Session, Deborah Crim, on July 1st. Welcome, Deborah!

June 26 – July 3, 2022

Sunday (6/26)

9: 30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio
 11am - 12pm PNC - Room 5
 3 - 5pm James' Memorial - SA/K/SH

Monday (6/27)

Tuesday (6/28)

7 - 8:30pm Deacons - SH

Wednesday (6/29)

Thursday (6/30)

Friday (7/1)

Saturday (7/2)

9 - 11am Garden Group

Next Sunday (7/3)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion - SA
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio

JUNE Birthdays: (2nd) Isabel Jaffer; (3rd) Glenn Van Den Bosch; (4th) Barbara Arata; (6th) Darrin Johnson, Jillian Ritchie; (12th) Nana oye Botchway; (14th) Mercedes Martin; (17th) Eden Lee; (19th) Julia Lohman, Rev. David McCreath; (20th) Bill Raby-Brown; (22nd) Ronni Pahl; (23rd) Alice Bailey, Carrie Giorgianni, Anne Towler; (26th) Bob Fraser; (27th) Brian McNelis; (29th) Stephanie Easton; (30th) Tab (Ed Tablak) will be 101 years old!

JUNE Anniversaries: Susan & Charlie Bedolla (6/11/99); Diane & Glen Van Den Bosch (6/11/77); Mary Jo & John Blazek (6/12/82); Maureen Ryan & Michael Donald (6/13/98); Mary Stone & Craig Bowers (6/15/85); Claire & Bill Ribble (6/18/66); Alice & Brian McNelis (6/?/91)

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