



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

**June 19, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Juneteenth**

“Juneteenth has never been a celebration of victory or an acceptance of the way things are. It’s a celebration of progress. It’s an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible—and there is still so much work to do.” -Barack Obama

The Preparation for the Word

Chimes

Prelude

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)
Barbara Vella, Substitute Organist*

Welcome

The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor

Call to Worship (*Remembering Juneteenth*)

Steven Graham, Liturgist

Celebration rises, up from the deep places, finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow. Celebration comes at a cost.

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come, the paths taken that have brought us here and now to this place and time.

Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering.

Celebration rises, resisting illusions, to be embraced by the real and abiding presence of God who breaks our chains and sets us free for freedom, in power and love and joy.

I am because you are, you are because I am.

Celebrating the humanity of all people this day, let us worship the God who has been faithful to us throughout the ages.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #276**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

1
*Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

(Refrain)

**Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning, new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath
provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me!**

2
*Summer and winter,
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)*

3
*Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!**(Refrain)***

Call to Confession

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

Prayer of Confession

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image but we confess that we still struggle to see that image in every person we meet. Many of us take our liberation for granted forgetting that there are still those who are oppressed. Forgive us. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Rev. Evie Macway, Interim Pastor

Friends, God has created all peoples of the earth to be one universal family. Through the reconciling love of Jesus Christ, God overcomes the barriers we place between us. In Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.

Hallelujah! and Amen.

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 Epistle Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29 (N.T., p. 189)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Anthem

"Take My Life"

Scott Underwood, arr. Garrett Parker

Duet: Evy Han, piano & Barbara Vella, organ

*Take my heart and form it,
Take my mind and transform it,
Take my will and conform it,
To yours, to yours, O Lord.*

Children's Sermon

Rev. Evie Macway

(Children are dismissed to church school)

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:26-39 (N.T., p. 68)

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Sermon

"Somebodiness"

Rev. Evie Macway

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

*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 #563

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

1

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven
ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

3

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast, by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where
we met thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever
stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.*

2

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has
been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the
blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at
last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Oh, Freedom”

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

*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 ~ Hannah Davis

Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**.

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 **Steven Graham**.

Today's greeter is **Kathleen Oliver**.

This week's ushers include **Hilleguus Faber**.

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

Membership Inquiry Luncheons: Mar & Nov

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June 19 – 26, 2022

Sunday (6/19) Fathers' Day & Juneteenth

9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom

10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship -
Patio

Monday (6/20) Office Closed

in observance of Juneteenth

7pm Men's Book Group - Thorn's

Tuesday (6/21) Mary Jo off

7 - 9pm Session - Zoom

Wednesday (6/22) Mary Jo off

Thursday (6/23) Mary Jo off

8 - 11am RFI Inspect'n - Alarm will sound

Friday (6/24) Mary Jo off

Saturday (6/25)

8am - 5pm B&F Audit - Room 1/R5/ or R6

1 - 3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next 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

The Elders of the Session

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
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Moderator ~ Jodi Lax

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Jim Hagan	Nanci Eksterowicz	Wendy Lord
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Jodi Lax	Ronni Pahl	Kathleen Oliver
Kelsey Lax	Nancy Shearer	Maureen Searing
Scott Nelson		Brandon Walters
Nancy Paul		

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)

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