



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

**February 11, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
Transfiguration of the Lord**

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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

“Veni Sponsa Christi”

*Ernest Chausson (1855-99)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Joanne Vliet, Liturgist

Listen to God, whose voice speaks from top of the tallest mountain to the depths of humanity.

May the peace of God’s words resonate within us!

Marvel at the light of the Holy Spirit, which inspires all goodness and shines forth brilliantly against the darkness of sin and evil.

May the light of the Holy Spirit be the lamp to our true path!

Follow Jesus wherever he leads you – for Jesus’ way is love.

May the love of Jesus lead us to change ourselves and the world! Amen.

***Opening Hymn #73** *“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”*

1
*Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley
Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.*

3
*Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions
To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calvary's hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by Your will.*

2
*Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain
Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior
Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.*

Call to Confession

Jesus said, “those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.” Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we admit before God and one another our faults and failings. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

You know, O God, how often we set our mind on human things instead of divine things. You know the ways we try to force your Spirit to fit our agenda, to manipulate your grace for our own ends. You know that we are prone to thinking of our desires long before we ever consider yours. We confess these things to you, praying that saying them out loud might make us aware of our own brokenness, so that we can also be more aware of your ever-present grace. Startle us with your truth and your love. Set our minds and hearts on you, and lead us on your way. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The grace of God is always doing a new thing—whether we are prepared, or worthy, or not. Let yourself live and believe this good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet folks seated around you with a sign of peace

We Listen To God's Word

The First Lesson

Mark 9:2-9 (N.T., p. 44)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Anthem

"Spiagge Amate' from Paride ed Elena"

*Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-87)
Tasha Moorjani, Soprano*

Children's Sermon

*Amber Biscardi, Church School Administrator
(Children dismissed to church school)*

The Second Lesson

Psalm 50:1-6 (O.T., p. 519)

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!' The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Sermon

"Can We Be Changed, Too?"

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow

Response Hymn #396

"O for a Closer Walk with Thee"

1

*O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!*

3

*The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne,
And worship only Thee.*

2

*Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn
And drove Thee from my breast.*

4

*So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.*

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"O God, Show Mercy to Us"

*Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
(hymn tune "Thaxted" from "Jupiter, the Planets")
Tasha Moorjani, Soprano*

***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

Prayer of Jesus (Ecumenical, Inclusive, Modern Version)

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

***Closing Hymn #74** *"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"*

1
*Jesus on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising.
Hallelujah!*

2
*Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
shout through them their joyful greeting.
Hallelujah!*

3
*Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder!
Hallelujah!*

4
*This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before him;
first and last and only One.
All creation shall adore him!
Hallelujah!*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"La Serenata"

*Gaetano Braga (1829-1907)
Tasha Moorjani, Soprano; Evan Fine, Violin*

*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.*

***Those who are able may rise in body or spirit.**

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

Thank You...

ASL ~ Stephanie Foisy	Sound ~ Steve Nelson
Deacon Greeters ~ Kerry House-Nelson	Zoom ~ Gary Fritz
Ushers ~ Fran Basso & Julia Kraemer	
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If you're interested in becoming a member of Stone Church, please contact the office (office_manager@stonechurch.org)

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.

During December, **Worship & Taizé committees**, and friends are serving coffee & refreshments after worship.
All are invited!

Welcome Guests and Visitors! We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. The nearest **restroom** is located between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall; exit thru the double doors at the front of the Sanctuary (near the TV). Everyone is invited for **refreshments** and fellowship in the Social Hall and on the patio after worship. We welcome the sound of any little ones during worship, but if your baby (age 0-3) gets too wiggly for you; you may take them to the **Nursery**, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary & the Social Hall. It's open each Sunday for children ages 0-3 during worship. All older children are invited to participate in the children's sermon time, followed by church school.

Children's Church School - Children attend worship with their parents, and go to Church School after the Children's Sermon. Also, there are some children's activity boxes in the Narthex to use in the Sanctuary prior to the children's sermon.

The Flowers today are given by the Van Den Bosch family to celebrate the Tuesday birthday of their son, Grant.

Stone Church Valentines – M&C (Membership & Communication) has some sweets to pass out to all during coffee hour!

Anointing ~ 2nd Sundays – **Today** after worship, you have an opportunity for a moment of personal prayer and anointing. The practice at Stone Church has been to use it as a symbol of God's grace. Anointing is an act calling forth the Holy Spirit. It is not magic or mysterious, but a way of demonstrating the presence of God, of the desire of God that we find peace and comfort. Come up to the front of the Sanctuary (near the piano) for anointing from Rev. Dr. David McCreath.

Adult Ed (11 am, SA) – “*The Language of Lament*” Have you ever wondered why the Book of Lamentations is included in the Bible? Join us next week when former Stone staff member Rev. Sharon LeClaire will guide us through the Language of Lament. We'll look at four Laments of Jesus as written in the Gospel of Matthew, and examine how Lament fits in our lives today.

2024 Women's Retreat is swiftly approaching; **April 12 - 14**, at St. Francis Retreat Center, in San Juan Bautista. If you would like to help with planning the retreat, please come to a launch meeting **today, Feb 11th (11am)** in the Lincoln House Conference Room. Costs, and how to sign up will be announced soon. if you have any questions or would like to help with the planning, please contact Emily Meacham (emilymm@pacbell.net).

Our Ash Wednesday Service of Healing and Wholeness, in the style of Taize, will be **this Wed, Feb 14th** (6:30pm). See insert for details.

Rally Day Event – **Next Sunday, Feb 18th**, immediately following worship. Committees representing each area of activity at Stone Church will be staffing tables in the Social Hall. Committee reps will be on hand to provide information about what they do in the life of the church. Get your morning cup of coffee and join us! Find a match for your skills and interests, and get plugged in!

Black History Month Study – Feb 12th, & 26th. Peace and Justice Ministry of Westhope Presbyterian Church and the San Jose Presbytery's Peace and Justice Work Group have organized this event for all in the Presbytery, led by: Rev. Erik Swanson (Westhope Presbyterian, Sara-toga) & Rev. James Richard of Foundation of Faith in S.C.). Visit <http://tinyurl.com/BlackHistoryMonth2024> for more information and to join in.

Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship in 2 weeks, Feb 25th. At this meeting we will formally dismiss our contract with Rev. Irene Pak Lee, as required by Presbytery.

Palestine Presentation – Sun, Feb 25th (11am) – see insert.

The Men's Book Group will meet at the home of Jim Hagan, 1431 Hamilton Way, on Mon, Feb 19th (7pm) to discuss the book "Fire Weather" by John Vaillant. All men are welcome whether you have read the book or not.

Lenten Taize services will start Tue, Feb 20th; held weekly through Mar 26th. If you are looking for a way to experience the Lenten season with meaning and depth, you will find it in our Taize service. The sanctuary doors open at 6:30 pm and the service is from 6:45 - 7:30 pm.

Cherry Pie Social – All are invited to this fun afternoon Sun, Feb 25th (2-4pm) hosted by Presbyterian Women. Come for Cherry pie and ice cream; Come for conversation and a special musical program presented by: "Chip Curry and his Good Time Music!", singing 20th Century American popular music, playing guitar and fiddle! Please R.S.V.P. by Wed, Feb 21st to Claudia Hamm (jinchamm@gmail.com); so we can provide enough pie & ice cream for everyone.

World Day of Prayer USA – Join in prayer on Fri, Mar 1st (anytime 12:30-3:30pm) to join in prayer and meditation. The ecumenical spirituality of World Day of Prayer is dynamic. Through this, we seek out ways to act in solidarity with women in 170 countries.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, Mar 24th immediately following worship. Toddlers, Pre-schoolers, and Kindergartners to Fifth Graders, are invited to search for colorful, filled eggs.

Vacation Church School will be June 17th – 21st (8:45am – Noon). Mark your calendars for this fun week of "Knights of the North Castle!" Sign-ups coming soon.

Donate to Stone Church, via PayPal, using your phone. Open your PayPal app Or your Camera app to scan this QR code, and follow directions on your screen. Standard PayPal fees apply. Venmo coming soon!



Year-End Donation Statements have been emailed and mailed. If you did not receive yours, or there are corrections needed, please contact office_manger@stonechurch.org.

Thank You - Irene had a wonderful farewell party on January 14th; and gives thanks and appreciation for all the cards, letters, gift cards, and gifts. She was touched by everyone's gratitude and love. She knows how hard the one year "no contact" rule is for everyone, including her. As a reminder, if you do see her around, please do say hello, but do not discuss any church business.

Social Media – Now that Irene is gone, Amber Biscardi has taken over posting to our social media (Facebook and Instagram). We are working out logistics, and will get back with more info on how to get things posted.

Tech in Worship Needs Your Help – We need more people to learn the Zoom and Sound systems, so we'll have enough coverage for worship on Sundays. Each week we need one person for sound, and one person for Zoom (\$50 per position, per Sunday). If you've been trained and would like to sign-up for duty, [click here](#). If you would like training, please contact Gary Fritz (gwfritz22@gmail.com).

February 11 – 18, 2024

Sunday (2/11)

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
 10 - 10:30am Church School - Fireside Room
 10:30 - 11am Anointing & Prayer - SA
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA
 11am Women's Retr. Planning - CR
 12 - 2pm SoulFeast Grp - Sheri - CR
 1 - 3pm Chromatic Converg. Rehear/SA
 3 - 5pm Youth Grp - S.Bowl Sunday

Monday (2/12)

10am - 12pm PWP - Conf.Room
 4 - 7:30pm Vivace - SH
 6 - 7:30pm Vivace - SA
 7 - 9pm Sapphire Circle - offsite

Tuesday (2/13)

11:30am - 1pm PW Lunch Bunch - Taiwan Rest.
 12:30 - 3pm Library Work - Conf.Room
 7:30 - 9pm P&A - Zoom

Wednesday (2/14)

Ash Wednesday

6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship - SA
 7:30 - 9pm Choir Rehearsal - SH

Thursday (2/15)

3 - 5:30pm Stephen Ministers - Conf.Room
 5 - 6:30pm Vivace - SA
 6:30 - 8pm Vivace - SH

Friday (2/16)

Saturday (2/17)
 10am - 12pm Resounding Achord - SA

Next Sunday (2/18)

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
 10 - 10:30am Church School - Fireside Room
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship -SH
 5 - 7pm Chromatic Converg. Rehearsal -

FEBRUARY Birthdays (1st) Elizabeth Sarmiento; (2nd) Ryann McManus; (3rd) Kathie Drake; (4th) Jane Martin; (7th) Steven Graham; (8th) Steve Nelson, Dawn Predium; (11th) Thomas Snodgrass; (12th) Michelle Walters; (17th) Jonathan Miller; (18th) Kent Campbell, Jutta Sargent; (20th) Bill Lakatos; (23rd) Susi Pixley; (24th) Nicky Hiestand, Karen Wessels;(25th) Kate Wheatley;(26th) Justin Hiestand; (27th) Nancy Paul.

The Elders of the Session

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