



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

***June 1, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.
7th Sunday of Easter***

*“Ask, seek, knock...”
(Luke 11:9)*

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

*“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich” BuxWV 202
(Praise God, you Christians Altogether) Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Welcome

The Rev. Evie Macway

***Call to Worship** *(Based on Luke 11:9)*

Joanne Vliet, Liturgist

Jesus said, “Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you.”

We come with questions and with needs.

We come in faith and in trust.

We come with our whole selves, to worship the One who welcomes us as we are.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #14** *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

1
*For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
(Refrain) Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

2 *For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.
(Refrain)*

3
*For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)*

4
*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.
(Refrain)*

5.
*For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven.
(Refrain)*

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession *(From Luke 11:1)*

“One day, when Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Master, teach us to pray...”

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that it is not always easy to pray – even the prayer you taught us has its difficulties. We pray that your kingdom will come, and yet we confess that for so many people the kingdom values of justice, righteousness, mercy, love and peace are not known and not expected.

Forgive us when our apathy and inaction have contributed to the continued suffering of people in need.

When we move from contemplating your holiness to recognizing our needs to be fed and nourished and forgiven, we confess that often we fail to remember that you call forth a like response from us toward others.

Forgive us when we welcome your gracious gifts ourselves but are slow to give to and forgive others.

Strengthen us with your Spirit. Help us to pray with a heightened expectation that you can and do use us to fulfill your purposes here and wherever you call us to be and to act in your name.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Our sin is not the last word. We are not stuck. We are set free from sin by the forgiving grace of God we know in Jesus Christ.

Let us receive God’s forgiveness and live in the love God offers to us.

***The Passing of the Peace**

*The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

We Listen to God's Word

The First Lesson

Psalm 85:8-13 (O.T., p. 543)

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

Anthem

"The Garden Song"

Dave Mallet

Stepping Stones Choir; Peggy Spool, Director

accompanied by Laraine Pitcher, flute and Barbara Vella, piano

The Second Lesson

Luke 11:1-13 (N.T., p. 72)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. "So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him. 'And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything. 'I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sermon

"First, Last and Everything in Between"

The Rev. Evie Macway

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Friends, God has been generous with us, so let us now return to God a portion of what has been given to our care.

Offertory

"Cavatine"

Hans-André Stamm (b. 1958)

***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**

God of grace, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good for the flourishing of our city. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion servers ~ Sheri Cunningham, Emily Meacham

Invitation to the Table

Jesus invites us to come to this table to remember, to celebrate and to be nourished.

We come as we are to gather in the name of Christ.

We come as members of the body of Christ, united by the One who invites us to this table.

We are welcome. Let us gather around this table in thanksgiving and in joy.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Karl Digerness

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosana in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Loving God we ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...And now as Christ has taught us, we pray together:

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.

***Sharing the Bread & Cup**

Communion Music

Hymn #527 *"Eat this Bread" (Opt A & B)*

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

Trust in me and you will not thirst

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

Trust in Christ and you will not thirst

Hymn #842 *"The Lord is My Light" (Theme I)*

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust; in God I trust

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you have gathered us at this table with the community of your faithful people around the world.

You have nourished us by the living bread, Jesus Christ.

And refreshed us by the power of your Holy Spirit.

May we go from here as disciples of Christ, proclaiming Christ's truth, and living Christ's love for the world.

We Go Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #22 "God of the Sparrow"

1.
*God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise*

2.
*God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save*

3.
*God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks*

4.
*God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life*

5.
*God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace*

6.
*God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Fanfare"

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-81)

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

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*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 May, **Stewardship** and friends
are serving coffee & refreshments after worship.

Welcome Guests and Visitors! We hope you feel welcome 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 patio after worship. **Large Print Hymnals and Seat Cushions** are available on the back pew, by the door. **Nursery** - 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 and the Social Hall. It's open each Sunday for children ages 0-3.

This Week, Stone Church Invites You to Share Holy Communion - We use the intinction method, dipping the bread in the cup—amber is juice, dark red is wine. When the time comes, we will process down the center aisle; take bread (in cup or cut – gluten free avail) and dip; the server will say a few words; partake of the moistened bread; return to your seat by the side aisles.

Children's Church School Today – Children meet in Fireside Room (stone building on the other side of the Social Hall) and later come to the sanctuary to participate in communion. If your child(ren) is/are staying with you during worship, there are activity boxes (in the Narthex – entry way) for children to use during the service.

Today the Unity Candle is at [Trinity Pres. SJ](#) (Rev. Vincent Arishvara). Each week the Unity Candle travels to a different church in the San Jose Presbytery; please pray for all God's people in this congregation.

The Retable Flowers are in celebration of this afternoon’s “Hear the Light” choir concert—see article at right.

Narthex Flowers honor June birthdays!

Youth Bake Sale Today: to raise funds for this summer's Triennium in Louisville, KY. Stone has 7 youth and 2 adult advisors attending. This is an amazing experience for the youth and adults who attend and can aid in solidifying a spiritual grounding our youth can draw upon in their future. Stop by the table after worship.

Adult Ed Today – (11am FR) Matt Marcotte will speak about our new Church Website; **Jun 8th** (Bob Cole) Brainstorming Adult Ed ideas.

First Sunday SHCS Donations – Today, we collect and donate items for Sacred Heart Community Services. Place donated food & goods in the Narthex collection baskets. If you missed bringing something today, consider bringing something next month. Needed items: pop-top cans and other packaged food items (no homemade food); gently used or new blankets and linens; hygiene items of unopened toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, etc.; diapers (both infant and adult); unopened infant formula; new socks, new underwear for men, women and children; and gently used or new sleeping bags



Library Sundays (1st Sunday) – **Today**, the adult library in the Lincoln House will be open during coffee hour. Exit the back of the Social Hall and enter the Lincoln House using the back door. See what's in our browsing library and check out what you'd like. Also, the library is open during office hours (M-F 9am-1pm). Check the church webpage under Church Life for book reviews and alphabetized listings for our adult and children's libraries.

“Hear the Light” - Fauré Requiem and More! - Today (2 pm) in the Sanctuary. This will be a performance of Gabriel Fauré’s *Requiem* and *Contique de Jean Racine*, featuring the Chancel Choir and local musicians from Santa Clara University and the South Bay. Also, the concert includes works by French composers Camille Saint-Saens; Jules Massenet; and Claude Debussy. Come, relax and hear the light! The concert is free - donations appreciated.

Graduates – This year we have no “in-house” graduates to celebrate, but we’d still like to celebrate those in the congregation who have graduates near and dear to their hearts (i.e. grandchildren). **On June 8th** we will list graduate names in the bulletin insert. To be included please provide name of child, name of school they are graduating from, and their next step (name of college, training program, job position, and major if known); or if college graduate, what is their degree, and what are they doing next?. **Send info by this Tue, June 3rd to OfficeManager@stonechurch.org.**

June’s Taizé Service is **this Tues, June 3rd**. Explore this time of quiet, music, scripture & prayer. Sanctuary doors open at 6:30PM, service starts at 6:45PM

Pentecost Sunday is Next Week and RED is the color of the day. We invite you to wear red, or other flame colors, to worship next week as we celebrate the church’s birthday.

Congregational Meeting June 15th, following worship, stay to nominate and elect Elders and Deacons (Class of 2028) to serve as officers of the church for the next 3 years, as well as members of the Nominating Committee (Class of 2027). Committee annual reports will be available as well.

Mary Jo Blazek is Now Our Nursery Supervisor - She has plans to make the nursery fun for all and wants to add an up-to-date TV, so she, and the nursery volunteers won’t miss worship! If you have a smart TV you would like to donate, contact Jeff Mattan (jmattan@gmail.com). To comply with our Safe Church rules, we need 2 adults working in the nursery, so volunteers are needed to help Mary Jo. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Mary Jo (maryjo1037@aol.com) Welcome back Mary Jo!

Make Music San Jose – **Sat, June 21st** Stone Church will serve as one of the venues for this FREE day of music! San Jose has added its name to a global list of over 1,000 cities that on that day will celebrate music with free public performances on streets, sidewalks, parks and concert venues. It’s a day to celebrate music with all who want to take part, from professional to amateur musicians. This free event is open to the public and Stone Church will host performances by the San Jose Symphonic Choir and many more. If you have an interest in performing, contact Fred Oliver (fredoliver@aol.com) **by Friday, June 13th**.

Women’s Retreat Meeting – **Sun, June 22** (11am) we’ll have a lunch meeting at Jennifer Scott-Brand’s house to talk about this year’s event, and to make plans for our 2026 retreat. We’d love to have all ages on our planning committee (ages 18 and up). **So that we prepare enough food, RSVP to the office** (OfficeManager@StoneChurch.org).

Loaves and Fishes – Join Stone Church volunteers, **Wed, Jun 25th**, to make & serve meals. Email Maureen Chandler for more info. (maureenLchandler@comcast.net).

June 1 – 8, 2025

Sunday (6/1)

| | |
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| 8:30 - 9am | Choir Practice - SA |
| 9:30 - 10:30am | Worship & Communion - SA & Zoom |
| 10:30 - 11am | Coffee Fellowship - SH |
| 10:30 - 11am | Triennium Bake Sale |
| 11am - 12pm | Adult Ed - Fireside Room |
| 2 pm | Chancel Choir Concert - SA |
| 1 - 3pm | Triennium Mtg - Conf.Room |

Monday (6/2)

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| 9:30 - 11:30am | OMG - Conf.Room |
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7:30 pm

B&F - Zoom

Tuesday (6/3)

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| 4:30 - 6:30pm | Worship Mtg - Conf.Room |
| 6:30 - 7:30pm | Taizé Service - SA |
| 7:30 pm | B&G, CE, StoneWorks - Zoom |

Wednesday (6/4)

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| 1 - 3pm | Amethyst Circle - Zoom |
| 1 - 2:30pm | Music Practice - SA |
| 3 - 5pm | Stephen Minister Leaders - CR |

Thursday (6/5)

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| 10 - 11am | Emerald Circle - Zoom |
| 7 - 9pm | MSC2 - Conf.Room |

Friday (6/6)

10am - 12pm

Liturgical Decor - SA

Saturday (6/7)**Next Sunday (6/8)**

9:30 - 10:30am

Worship - SA & Zoom

10:30 - 11am

Coffee Fellowship - SH

11am - 12pm

Adult Ed - Fireside Room

2 - 4pm

Youth Group - Swim Party -

Coleman's

JUNE Birthdays - (2nd) Isabel Jaffer; (3rd) Glenn Van Den Bosch; (6th) Darrin Johnson, Jillian Ritchie; (12th) Nana oye Botchway; (13th) Matt Marcotte & Janice McClure; (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.

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 (6/22/91); Gary & Shirley Keller (6/30/63).

| The Elders of the Session | | |
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