



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

**January 22, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

**Prelude**

*“Teach Me to Walk in the Light”*

*Richard Elliott (b. 1960)  
Barbara Vella, Organist*

**Introit**

*“Arise Thy Light Is Come! (Hymn #411 vs. 1, 3, 4)*

*Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

**Welcome**

*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor*

**Call to Worship**

*Claudia Hamm, Liturgist*

*Sing, sing of God's unalterable love!*

**We will rejoice as we walk in the light of our God.**

*Tell everyone around you of God's faithfulness.*

**We will share the stories of the One who experienced our life in all its fullness.**

*Shout out of God's presence with us, on this day and in all the days to come.*

**Justice and goodness are God's gifts to us; truth and love walk by our side.**

*Trusting in those promises, let us follow Christ and worship God this day.*

**\*Opening Hymn #372**

*“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*

1  
*Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.*

2  
*Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.*

3  
*Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.*

4  
*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart. In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart*

**Call to Confession**

*If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. I invite you to join me as we confess our lives to God, praying,*

**Prayer of Confession**

**God our Light, we confess that as we try and live lives of faith, we find ourselves trying to tear Christ apart - a piece of him here to support our politics, a part of him to undergird our economic views, the rest of him to bolster our fears of others. We could leave immediately to follow him, but need to wait until we see where he might lead us. We want you to look upon us with favor, but have no trouble turning our backs on those around us.**

**Hear us, O God our Deliverer, as we speak of our failures. Have mercy on us. May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Silence**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*The Rev. Evie Macway, Interim Pastor*

*Broken, we are made whole; thirsty, we are filled with living water; longing for a renewed relationship with God, we are welcomed with open arms by the One who calls us by name and forgives us.*

**Without a doubt, God's love never comes to an end. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**\*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 Lesson**

*Isaiah 9:1-4 (O.T., p. 638)*

*But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.*

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

**The Psalm Lesson***Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (O.T., p. 503)*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strong hold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.*

*For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.*

*Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.*

*Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.*

*Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!*

**Anthem***"Light of a Clear Blue Morning"**Dolly Parton  
Judy West, soloist***Children's Sermon***Mary Jo Blazek, Church School Administrator  
(Children dismissed to church school)***The Gospel Lesson***Matthew 4:12-23 (N.T., p. 3)*

*Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:*

*'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'*

*From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'*

*As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.*

*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.*

**Sermon***"Here I Am"**Rev. Irene Pak Lee***We Respond to the Good News****Choral Response***"Fisherman Peter"**Stephen Elkins***Call for the Offering****Offertory***"Praise Be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"**Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

**\*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 #525**

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

1  
*I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?*

**<Refrain>**  
***Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord.  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.***

2  
*I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them,  
Whom shall I send?  
**<Refrain>***

3  
*I, the Lord of wind and rain,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send? **<Refrain>***

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*Our Congregational Meeting will start immediately after the service.  
If you need to leave, please be mindful of those who remain for the meeting.*

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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**Thank You...**

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**ASL** ~ Hannah Davis

**Deacon Greeter** ~ Nancy Bell

**Ushers** ~ Deborah Crim & Karen Wessels

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**Sound** ~ Caryl Westerberg

**Zoom** ~ Marion 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.*

During January, **Presbyterian Women** and friends are serving coffee & refreshments after worship. All are invited!

Next Membership Inquiry Luncheon: March 19<sup>th</sup>

Contact [evie\\_macway@stonechurch.org](mailto:evie_macway@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. 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, and for ages 0-up during Adult Ed study classes (11-Noon).

**Children's Sunday School** – Children attend worship with their families, and then leave for classes after the children's sermon. Please pick up preschool children from Room A at 10:50. All other children are released at that time as well.

**Pew Pads** – Please remember to sign the pew pad and pass it to the next person in your row.

**Congregational Meeting Today** – immediately following worship, we will have a congregational meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom). The purpose of this annual meeting is to consider & vote on the terms of call for Associate Pastor, Irene Pak Lee, and to review the 2023 church budget.

**Sanctuary Heat** – Do you feel it? It was repaired last week!

**Seeking Lenten Devotion Writers!** We will be compiling another daily Lenten devotion this year written by YOU, members and friends of Stone Church. The theme this year will be "Seeking". We would love poetry, art, and written reflections around that theme and how it expands for you. These will be distributed digitally each day. Please submit devotions to Rev. Irene at [irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org).

**Adult Ed Next Week (Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 11am - Sanctuary)** – Stone's Deaf Ministry will conduct a class on American Sign Language (ASL). If you've wanted to join others at Stone who "sign" the Doxology during worship, this is your chance to learn. Questions? Contact Bill Raby-Brown at [weraby.home@gmail.com](mailto:weraby.home@gmail.com).

**Per Capita: What is it?** – This is Stone Church's support of our denominational church structure: San Jose Presbytery (local), Synod of the Pacific (regional), and PC(USA) General Assembly (national). Each local Presbyterian Church supports this structure. Our church's commitment (**\$41.50 per member**), based on 300 members, is \$12,450. Paying your Per Capita portion (\$41.50 per member) is a **voluntary** commitment on your part, not Presbyterian "dues". Any of that church commitment that isn't paid by individuals has to be paid from church funds that could have gone to other useful purposes. Your payment represents your willingness to be a participant in our shared mission to God's service with all the other members of all the other churches of the PCUSA denomination.

**Our Prayer Shawl Group** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month (1pm). If you are interested in knitting, crocheting, or if you just want to come socialize and see what others are working on, we'd love to see you! Please contact Ginny Barret for details ([ginnybarret@gmail.com](mailto:ginnybarret@gmail.com)).

**Stand Against Human Trafficking! Mon, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>** (8:15 - 9:15am – if it is not raining) **stand** with us as we hold our signs along Lincoln Ave; meet in the library. This continuing project helps our community's awareness of the enormity of human trafficking (modern-day slavery). We would love to have **YOU stand** with us! Questions? Contact Claudia Hamm (jinchamm@gmail.com).

**Open Doors and Blankets** – In keeping with CDC recommendations for airflow, we are keeping the exterior doors open during worship. For your comfort, feel free to bring a lap rug, shawl, or blanket. If you have extras, you can leave them at church for others to use; blankets left for others to use should be in good condition and clean. If you are using a “church” blanket (left for others to use each week) after worship please drape it over the pew so it can air out, or take it home and launder it and bring it back the next week.

**SmartYards Education** (SYE-501c3) is enrolling a limited number of participants in hands-on workshops to learn eco landscaping. SYE was founded by some Stone Church folks...the late Rev Chuck Rawlings, Elizabeth Sarmiento, Bill Ribble, and others. These workshops start **Sat, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>** and continue through May. Think of it as a “**4 Workshops, 4 Weekends, 4 Months, 4 Our Earth**” program. These workshops will empower participants with the practice of cultivating Regenerative Livelihoods for plants and wildlife. Click on the link for more info. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-grow-water-a-hands-on-permaculture-skills-training-smart-yards-ed-tickets-513451566457> (There's a sliding fee scale.)

**Community Volunteering** – M&C (our Membership and Communications committee) created a poster (located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall) that lists some of the volunteering that Stone Church folks are doing to help our San Jose community. Take a look, get some ideas, and/or write down what you are doing.

**New Member Inquiry** – If you are interested in becoming a member of Stone Church, or maybe you're not ready yet, but would like to hear about the process, please attend a New Member Inquiry meeting/luncheon on **Sun, Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** (11-1pm). Find out more about Stone Church, meet some great people, and hear how Presbyterianism differs from other expressions of Christian faith. This is a no-pressure gathering to help attendees explore the process of becoming members, as well as answer questions related to what Presbyterians believe. If you are please email Rev. Pak Lee ([irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org)).

**Year End Statements** were mailed last week (check your office mailbox if you have one). If you do not receive your copy within the next week, please contact Jennifer ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)). Email versions will go out soon, as well.

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**JANUARY Birthdays** - (1<sup>st</sup>) Ken Henry, Matt Perdue; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Bill Blodgett; (7<sup>th</sup>) Jess Roberts; (8<sup>th</sup>) Jean Hatley, Dorothy Rowe; (15<sup>th</sup>) Fran Basso, Elle Nilson; (18<sup>th</sup>) JoAnn Burgyan, Tom Hatley; (20<sup>th</sup>) Donald Foster, Nancy Kromm, Nancy Weiss; (21<sup>st</sup>) Ben McDaid; (22<sup>nd</sup>) Chris Costello, Jody Meacham; (23<sup>rd</sup>) Charla Bunton-Johnson; (24<sup>th</sup>) Carter Edwards; (25<sup>th</sup>) Pauline Moore; (26<sup>th</sup>) Brandon Williams; (27<sup>th</sup>) Tim Collins; (28<sup>th</sup>) Amber Rasura, Aaron McNelis; (29<sup>th</sup>) Connie Gum, Alyssa Blodgett; (30<sup>th</sup>) John Lococo, Marta Espinal.

**JANUARY Anniversaries** - (1<sup>st</sup>) Brian & Danielle Gustafson (2002); (17<sup>th</sup>), Irene & Marion Pak Lee (2016); (28<sup>th</sup>) Emily & Jody Meacham (1984)

**January 22 – 29, 2023**

**Sunday (1/22)**

8:30 - 9am	Choir Practice - SA
9:30 - 10:30am	Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - Patio
10:30 - 11am	Congregational Mtg - SA
10:45 - 11:45am	PNC - Room 5

**Monday (1/23)**

4 - 7:30pm	Vivace (Primo/Treble) - SH
6 - 8pm	Vivace (Treble) - SA

**Tuesday (1/24)**

8:30am - 2:30pm  
 10 - 11am  
 7 - 9pm

PACT Intern - SH  
 PACT Mtg - SH  
 Deacons - Zoom

**Wednesday (1/25)**

4:15 - 6:45pm  
 7:30 - 9pm

Vivace - SH  
 Choir Rehearsal - SH

**Thursday (1/26)**

6 - 8pm  
 6 - 7:30pm

Vivace (SATB) - SA  
 Vivace (SATB) - SH

**Friday (1/27) Snow Trip - Zephyr Pt,**

L.Tahoe  
 10 - 11am Caregivers' Support - SH

**Saturday (1/28)**

Snow Trip - Zephyr Pt,  
 L.Tahoe  
 1 - 3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Next Sunday (1/29) Snow Trip - Zephyr Pt,**

L.Tahoe  
 8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
 10:45 - 11:45am PNC - Room 5  
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom

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