



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

**July 7, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.
7th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

“Blessed Assurance”

*J. Bert Carlson (1937-2017)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Welcome

Rev. Fred Harrell, Transitional Pastor

Call to Worship *(liturgy by enfleshed | enfleshed.com)*

Guy Lohman, Liturgist

Though the presence of God is always near,

it is rarely loud, often subtle, and always prefers an invitation.

Permeating all of life, always and everywhere available, the Holy asks us

to listen, to be still, to pay attention, and to practice the Wisdom we receive.

Holy Mystery of Love, Sacred Calling of Courage, Source of Truth and Beauty, you are always moving us toward the restoration of life.

Praise be to God who is revealed in our longings, felt in connection, and encountered in the flesh of creation. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #476** “O Worship the King”

1
*O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

2
*O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds
form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the
storm.*

3
*The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

4
*Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

Call to Confession (from I Peter 5:6-7)

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand, that the Lord may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on God because God cares for you.

Loving God, you prepare a place for us; we refuse your invitation. Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Your table is open to all; we keep it for ourselves. Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Your welcome is wild; we are caged by fear. Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon (I John 3:1)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

In Christ, we are fully welcomed, loved, and forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***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 63:1-8 (O.T., p. 527)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Anthem

“If with All Your Hearts” from “Elijah”

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)
Christy Wait, soprano*

The Second Lesson

Luke 13:1-9 (N.T., p. 76)

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

Sermon

“Catastrophes and Fig Trees”

Rev. Fred Harrell

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Michael Burkhardt

***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 (prayer by enfleshed | enfleshed.com)**

Creator of all, since our beginning you have woven our lives together at the most intimate levels. Though evil encourages us to sever our ties to one another, you reveal our shared humanity and call us to love our neighbors. As we bring our offerings, give us wisdom for these days that we might live what we believe by seeking an end to all forces of inequity and injustice. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Servers: Deborah Crim, Ruth McCreath, and Caryl Westerberg

Invitation to the Table

Sursum Corda

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.

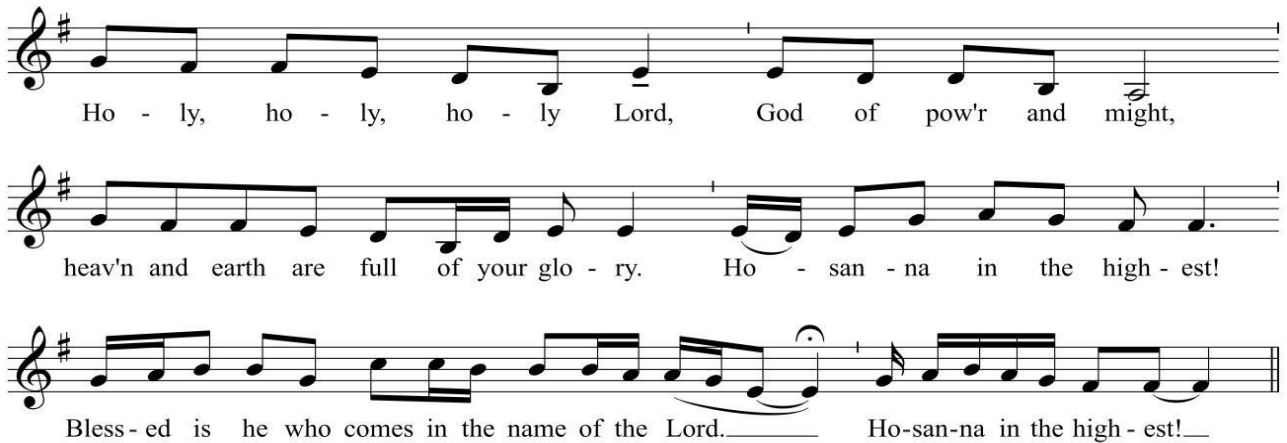
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

...Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est!_

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...Great is the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...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

Prayer after Communion

Living Christ, thank you for this meal that nourishes our bodies and spirits. By feasting on this bread of life, your presence reminds us of our belovedness, even when broken. For you, Holy Mystery, companion us through all things, and sustain us by your love. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #440

"In Christ There is No East or West"

1
*In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

3
*Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.*

2
*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.*

4
*In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Allegro" (from Symphony in D, op. 2, no. 5)

William Boyce (1711-79)

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

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Thank You...

ASL ~ Stephanie Foisy

Deacon Greeters ~ Janice Goertz

Ushers ~ Hilleguus Faber

Floral ~ Diane Van Den Bosch

Communion set-up: Diane Van Den Bosch & Deborah Crim

Sound ~ Steve Nelson

Zoom ~ Kelsey Lax

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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 July, Choir 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 and the Social Hall. It's open each Sunday for children ages 0-3.

Children's Church School Returns in September If your kids need something to do during worship, there are some children's activity boxes available in the Narthex.

Stone Church Invites All People to share in 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.

Sermon Theme Today - Jesus' primary concern in the text isn't to unravel the mystery of God, but to tell folks to reevaluate their 'stinking thinking', driven by their own internal anxieties. We want to believe good things happen to good people and bad things happen to bad people but sometimes bad things happen to good people. Some-times the worst things happen to the very best people! Like Jesus for instance.

The Flowers are in celebration of Karen Scott's 86th birthday today!

Welcome Deacons and Elders--Class of 2027 - As of July 1st, these Deacons and Elders started their 3-yr terms of service. Please welcome them to their new positions!

Elders: Judi Kaiser, Jodi Lax, Matthew Marcotte, and Marsha Wadley. **Deacons:** Mary Jo Blazek, Jim Hagan, Mary Ann Hudson, Jenny Pichon, and Dorothy Rowe. **Nominating Committee:** (2-yr term – 2026) Jim Hagan, Guy Lohman, and Michele Smith.

First Sunday SHCS Donation – The First Sunday of the month, we collect and donate food & goods for Sacred Heart Community Services, using the collection baskets in the Narthex. **Over the past 2 months, since we re-started our collection, we have collected 160 lbs. of food and goods!**

Great work, keep it up! If you missed donating this month, consider bringing one of these next month: 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, and new underwear for men, women and children; and gently used or new sleeping bags.

Liturgical Banners - Continuing the designated color of Green for this “Ordinary Time” season, our Liturgical Arts group is featuring on the sanctuary’s front wall, the “most green” wall hanging of the Six Great Ends of the Church”. It depicts “The Promotion of Social Righteousness” with the Holy Spirit (dove) sitting among the leaves of the tree, which highlight gender inequality, hunger, health care, income inequality, homelessness, voting rights and racial inequities. The sky (scales of justice) holds the sun, shining on the landscape, (including stones of Stone Church, uncovering these injustices. “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever rolling stream.” (Amos 5:24) The side green wall banners list Paul's nine Fruits of the Spirit, spoken to the Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal.5:22-23)

The Liturgical Arts group invites all who would like to help create meaningful enhancements for our worship to join them **this coming Fri, Jul 12th** in downstairs Room 1, (1:30-4pm). Come for any amount of the time you choose. It’s a sewing group, but there are always non-sewing tasks to perform, along with a lively fellowship to enjoy. Ring the portable doorbell at the patio entrance door.

San Jose Presbytery Goodbye Party - Join the San Jose Presbytery for a happy-hour “send off” for the Rev. Karin Hejmanowski and the Rev. Irene Pak Lee, **this coming Sat, Jul 13th** (4-5pm) at **Watsonville Public House** (625 Main Street, Watsonville). We’ll send them off with our love and blessings as they leave our Presbytery: Karin to Oregon and Irene to Utah. We hope to see you there! Questions, contact erica@sanjosepby.org.

Ushers Needed for **Sun, Jul 21st**, and **August through September**. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/StoneChurchUsher>, available via clicking on the bulletin cover on the stone-church.org homepage to find this article. Ushering is a great way to get involved in the life of this congregation. It doesn't take a lot of time, and no experience is needed, since training and support are provided. If you have questions, please contact Jodi Lax (Jodi.d.lax@gmail.com).

Receive Church Updates via Email! - To receive the weekly Friday email and other office updates, please email office_manger@stonechurch.org and ask to be added to our email lists. Friday emails usually provide more info than this insert can contain.

Volunteers Needed for Communion Prep - With weekly communion returning this month, the Worship committee is looking to expand their volunteer list for communion set-up folks. It involves setting up the table and cloths; preparing the bread, wine, and juice; cleaning the service items; putting away table and cloths; and preparing the home communion boxes. You’ll work with knowledgeable leads, need to arrive at 8:30 am, and remain a bit after worship for cleanup. With 52 Sundays of communion to prep, as opposed to the 12 Sundays when it was only once a month, there

is definitely a need for more helpers. Please consider volunteering. Use the link https://bit.ly/StoneChurch_Communion to see if there is a Sunday on which you can help.

July 7 – 14, 2024

Sunday (7/7)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion - SA
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH
 5 - 7pm Chromatic Rehearsal - SA

Monday (7/8)

12 - 2:30pm PWP - Conf.Room

Tuesday (7/9)

11:30am - 1pm PW Lunch Bunch - Taiwan
 Rest.
 2 - 3pm Roycott Meeting - Conf.Room
 7:15 - 9pm P&A - Zoom

Wednesday (7/10)

Thursday (7/11)

9 :30am - 12pm PWCT - Conf.Room

Friday (7/12)

10 - 11am Caregivers' Support -
 1:30 - 4pm Liturgical Arts - R1

Saturday (7/13)

Next Sunday (7/14)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion
 10:30 - 11am Anointing & Prayer - SA
 5 - 7pm Chromatic Rehearsal - SA

JULY Birthdays - (4th) Fran Lowry; (5th) Lawrence Summers; (6th) Alisa Summers, Martha Mamula; (7th) Karen Scott; (8th) Darlene Snodgrass, Tobi Wessels; (10th) Katie Sandoval-Clark, Sue Williams; (11th) Stephen Lord; (13th) Jeremy Easton; (14th) Maureen Ryan;(17th) Guy Lohman, Kiana Lord, Lynne McManus; (20th) Tammy Coleman, Leland Wong; (21st) Sharon Knox; (25th) Marta Espinal, Pat McDaid; (26th) Amber Biscardi; (27th) Erin Blodgett; (29th) Suzanne Wolf.

JULY Anniversaries - Sheri & Jack Cunningham (7/5/1964); Mary & Derk Johnson (7/9/1995); Stephanie & Jeremy Easton (7/20/2002); Suzanne Wolf & Chris Nilson (7/27/1991); Ruth & David McCreath (7/29/1959)



The Elders of the Session		
Clerk of Session ~ Deborah Crim (debcrim@pacbell.net)		
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