



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

**March 16, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.  
2nd Sunday in Lent**

**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**

*“Prayer of Saint Gregory”*

*Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)  
Barbara Vella, Organist*

**Introit**

*“Jerusalem”*

*Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918)  
arr. by Carl Strommen (b. 1939)  
Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

**Welcome**

*Jeremy Easton, Elder*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Rosaleen Zisch, Liturgist*

*Come, all who seek God’s way—like Abraham, called to journey into the unknown.*

**We come in faith, trusting that God’s promises are true.**

*Lift your eyes to the hills—our help comes from the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth.*

**God is our keeper, our guide, and our strength on the journey.**

*In Christ, we are invited into new life—not by our own doing, but by grace.*

**We come with open hearts, ready to be born again in love and justice.**

*Let us worship the One who calls, who keeps, and who leads us into life.*

**We worship God, who so loves the world! Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn #15**    *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

1

*All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia!*

2

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia!*

3

*Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia!*

4

*Thou fertile earth, that day by day  
unfoldest blessings on your way,  
O sing ye! Alleluia  
The flowers and fruits that in the grow,  
Let them God's glory also show!  
alleluia, alleluia alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia!*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Call to Confession** *(Genesis 3:19)*

*You are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you have created us out of the dust of the earth, to love and serve you and our neighbors. Forgive and restore us when we allow our mortality to lead us to anxiety and fear, and renew our hope when we lose sight of the resurrection life you show us in Jesus. Help us believe that our work and worship are not in vain; that our longing for beauty and our struggles for justice and mercy are worthwhile because your kingdom is eternal. Help us to rest in the knowledge that you are in charge, and your love never fails. Amen.**

**Silence**

**Assurance of Pardon** *(from Psalm 118)*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever. In our anguish we cried to the Lord, and God answered by setting us free. The Lord is our strength and our song; God has become our salvation. We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever. This is the good news.*

**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 95: 1-7a (O.T., p. 550)*

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

### **Anthem**

*"Deep River" Traditional*

*arr. by J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-1986)*

### **The Second Lesson**

*Matthew 25:34-46 (N.T., p. 25)*

*Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into*

### **Sermon**

*"If You Don't Know Me By Now"*

*Rev. Paul Trudeau*

### **Prayers of the People**

## **We Respond to the Good News**

### **Call for the Offering**

*Let us now bring forward our offerings—our time, talents, and treasures—as a testament to our commitment to co-creating a world where love and justice prevail.*

### **Offertory**

*"Savior, When in Dust to You"*

*Gerald Near (b. 1983)*

### **\*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**

*Eternal Source of Love, in your kindness you have made us in your image. Help us to live into the fullness of our humanity as we give ourselves to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Communion servers ~Jeremy Easton, Caryl Westenberg*

## 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:*

### 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!**

*...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

### Communion Music

*"Come and Fill"*

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

*"Live in Charity"*

**Live in charity and steadfast love.**

**Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

### Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## We Go Out in God's Name

### **\*Closing Hymn #804**      *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

1  
*Rejoice, O pure in heart,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.*  
**<refrain>**  
***Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks,  
and sing!***

2  
*Yes, on through life's long path,  
Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe*  
**<refrain>**  
***Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks,  
and sing!***

3  
*At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest,  
the pilgrims reach their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest*  
**<refrain>**  
***Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks,  
and sing!***

4  
*Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king.*  
**<refrain>**  
***Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks,  
and sing!***

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**      *"Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578"*

*J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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

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

Artist's note; For my Lenten discipline, this year, I have chosen words (with backgrounds inspired by these words) which we might meditate with, concentrate on, and spend some time considering as they relate to ourselves, our church, our nation, and our world. **AFFIRMATION**

**ASL Interpreter** - Stephanie Foisy

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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 March, **Worship, Taizé**, and friends  
are serving coffee & refreshments after worship.

**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** – Children meet in the Fireside Room at 9:30 am (stone building on the other side of the Social Hall). Children will come to the sanctuary to participate in Communion.

**Each 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.

**Today the Unity Candle** is at **St. Philips Presbyterian Church - Salinas** (Elder Rick Sabillo). 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 from Mary Jo Blazek, in celebration of all the March birthdays!

**Guest Pastor Today** - Rev. Paul Trudeau is the founder and CEO of City Hope San Francisco. Originally from Oregon and Louisiana, Paul moved to San Francisco in 2005 to serve at City Church San Francisco, under Rev. Fred Harrell. Prior to his current role, Paul also served as chaplain in the San Francisco County Jail. Paul is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary (MA - Biblical Studies) and San Jose State University (BA, Art), and is ordained in the RCA (Reformed Church in America).

**Choir Music** – Today's choral music comes from two very different sources, the British choral tradition and the African American hymnody, and both envision places of peace, freedom, and joy.

**Introit: Jerusalem**, features music by Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918). and text from English poet and engraver William Blake (.1757-1827). Blake is well known for his "Songs of Innocence and Experience," and for his use of visionary and mystic imagery in both his written and visual art. The text of our introit centers around a desire to rebuild a mythical holy city "in England's green and pleasant land." The title refers to the ancient city of Jerusalem, which is considered a holy place to three religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Its history is long, and fraught with conflict to this day. Blake's vision of rebuilding such a holy place in England must have inspired the English composer Sir Hubert Parry. Both Parry and Blake shared a radical (for their eras) distrust of organized religion, so the shining visions of a "new" Jerusalem, penned by his countryman from centuries prior, arises with Parry's eloquent melody and uplifting harmony. Parry counted among his composition students Ralph Vaughan Williams, Edward Elgar, and Gustav Holst. The setting of "Jerusalem" is familiar to many from the film, "Chariots of Fire."

**Anthem: Deep River** is a traditional African American "spiritual," a song that expresses the hopes and struggles of enslaved people. The text refers to the "river of life" which is deep and wide and indicates the author's desire to leave this world and "cross over" to the other side, referred to in this anthem as "campground." The beautiful melody paints, in musical tones, the placid and calm surface of a river, with its currents of life flowing richly underneath. The vision of joy longed for at the "gospel feast where all is peace" is at the heart of this poignant spiritual. The song was another one of the "code songs" for the underground railroad, (with its references to "crossing over" and "going to the campground, gospel feast," etc.). The song's arranger, Dr. J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-1986), was an African American music scholar, famous for editing the definitive collection of spirituals in the "Songs of Zion" hymnbook.

**The Liturgical Arts Group** is hosting the coffee hour this morning and commemorating Mr. Fred Rogers (1928-2003), composer, writer, ordained Presbyterian minister, and host of nearly 900 episodes of 'Mr. Roger's Neighborhood' on PBS. He famously changed his tennis shoes at the beginning of each program and put on a cardigan sweater (most having been knitted for him at the beginning by his mom in Latrobe, PA (outside of Pittsburgh, where he was born and raised).

**Adult Ed** – (11 am, SA) Steve Nelson gives our final presentation in the Beatitudes series. Overall, this series offered each speaker's personal understanding of the eight Beatitudes – foundational teachings by Jesus spoken to his disciples and crowds early in his ministry. Often neglected in sermons and courses of study because they are either too obvious or too confusing, the Beatitudes are neither! Come, explore some deeper understanding of these words of Jesus.

**Men's Book Group** meets **tomorrow, Mon, Mar 17<sup>th</sup>** (7 pm) in the Lincoln House (office) Conference Room, to discuss "Jesus Wars" by Phillip Jenkins. All men are welcome; even if you haven't read it, come anyway, for the conversation, wine & snacks.

**Women's Retreat – April 4-6** - If you think you still might be able to attend, please let the office know soon ([OfficeManager@stonechurch.org](mailto:OfficeManager@stonechurch.org)).

**Weekly Lenten Taizé Services** continue **each Tuesday through April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Explore this time of quiet, music, scripture, and prayer. The Sanctuary doors open at 6:30 pm, service starts at 6:45 pm.

**Prayer Shawl Group** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month at 1pm, **this coming Sat, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Come if you are interested in knitting, crocheting, or come to socialize and see what others are creating. Contact Ginny Barret for details ([ginnybarret@gmail.com](mailto:ginnybarret@gmail.com)).

**Join Us - Stone Works** meets **Tue, Apr 1<sup>st</sup> (7:00pm) on Zoom** to allocate donations to mission projects and activate congregational involvement in our community. Contact S-W Chair Maureen Chandler, for the link. ([maureenlchandler@comcast.net](mailto:maureenlchandler@comcast.net)).

**Loaves and Fishes** – Join Stone Church volunteers who make and serve meals. Join us on **Weds Mar 26 & Apr 23**. Contact Maureen ([maureenlchandler@comcast.net](mailto:maureenlchandler@comcast.net)).

**Immigrant Support Gathering Sun, Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** (2-3:30pm) in the Social Hall, lead by PACT (People Acting in Community Together). Learn how we can protect and support our immigrant neighbors before, during, and after ICE comes to our community. Sign up this week at Coffee Hour, or email Rhonda Lakatos ([brlakatos@comcast.net](mailto:brlakatos@comcast.net)).

**Maundy Thursday Dinner** - Are you a SOUP-er chef? As part of our **Apr 17<sup>th</sup>** Maundy Thursday observance, we're planning to serve a meal of soup and bread at 6 pm prior to the 7 pm service. If you'd like to cook up a big pot of soup to share with the community that evening, please contact the church office!

**Library** - What's new in the library? Look on the Stone Church web page under Church Life for reviews of some new books and alphabetized listings for our adult and children's libraries.

**Attention Crafters, Quilters and Others.** Claudia Hamm has taken fabric remnants from her past projects, measured and labeled them and placed them in the Social Hall this morning for the taking! Take what you like and can use for your projects. Enjoy!

### **Lenten Services 2025**

- **Weekly Taizé services - 6:30pm**
  - Tuesdays, March 18 – April 15
- **April 13 - Palm Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt**
- **April 17 - Maundy Thursday**
  - 6 pm – Soup dinner served before worship
  - 7pm – Worship service
- **April 18 - Good Friday**
  - Noon - Worship service
- **April 20 - Easter**
  - 6:30am – Sunrise service
  - 9:30 am – Worship service



## March 16 – 23, 2025

### Sunday (3/16)

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion - SA & Zoom  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH  
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA  
 11:30am - 2pm College Age Gathering - Pergola  
 4:30 - 6pm Confirmation Class - Conf.Room

### Monday (3/17)

9:30 - 11:30am **PG&E Outage - Office Closed**  
**St. Patrick's Day; Jennifer off**  
 2:30pm OMG - Conf.Room  
 PW Page Turners Book Group - Claudia Hamm's  
 4 - 7:30pm Vivace - SH  
 6 - 7:30pm Vivace - SA  
 7pm Men's Book Group - Conf.Room

### Tuesday (3/18)

6:30 - 7:30pm **Jennifer off**  
 7 - 8:30pm Taizé Service - SA  
 Session - SH

### Wednesday (3/19)

4:30 - 6:15pm **Jennifer off**  
 7:30 - 9pm Vivace - SH  
 Choir Practice - SH

### Thursday (3/20)

3 - 5pm **Jennifer off**  
 5 - 8pm Stephen Ministers - SH  
 7 - 9pm Vivace - SH  
 M&C - Zoom

### Friday (3/21)

**Jennifer off**

### Saturday (3/22)

1 - 3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Next Sunday (3/23)

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion - SA & Zoom  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH  
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA  
 4:30 - 6pm Confirmation Class - Conf.Room  
 5 - 7pm Youth Group - Escape Room - offsite  
 5 - 7pm Chromatic Convergence - SH

**MARCH Birthdays** - (2nd) Babila Mfonfu; (3rd) Joyce Summers; (4th) Kathleen O'Brien; (5th) Carol Martin; (6th) Mary Jo Blazek; (8th) Jan Keifer, Diane Van den Bosch; (10th) Lea Lawrence-Moiso; (12th) Vern Tegger; (14th) Grant Nilson; (16th) Caryl Westerberg, Jennifer Scott-Brand; (20th) Grant Balao; (24th) Fran Cole; (25th) Susan Erickson-Viitanen; (26th) Kelley Alwood; (28th); (29th) Cindy Bevan; (31st) Eric Bateman

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