



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

***July 6, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**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**

*“Oblivion”*

*Astor Piazzolla, arr. José Bragato  
Joanne Vliet, clarinet; Shenshen Zhang, pipa*

**Welcome**

*Rev. Fred Harrell*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Jeff Mattan, Liturgist*

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever?*

**We come bearing questions, doubts, and hopes.**

*Even when God feels far away, we gather to remember.*

**We remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.**

*Come, let us worship the God who welcomes our cries, holds our pain, and sings with us in the night.*

**We will worship in honesty and in trust, for God meets us where we are.**

**\*Opening Hymn #12**    *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

<p>1 <i>Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.</i></p>	<p>3 <i>To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.</i></p>
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<p>2 <i>Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!</i></p>
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**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Call to Confession**

*When we are weary, when we feel forgotten, when we lash out in pain or close our hearts in fear,  
God invites us to come honestly. Let us turn to God now, confessing all that we carry.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, We confess that we often try to hide our grief, our doubt, and our despair. We pretend to be strong when we are breaking. We say we trust you, even when our hearts are full of questions. Forgive us for our fear, our silence, and our pride. Help us to bring our whole selves to you—our sorrow and our joy, our faith and our unbelief. Teach us to trust your love, even when all feels lost. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**Silence**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Even when we feel abandoned, God never lets us go. Even when we fall silent, Christ speaks on our behalf. Even when all seems lost, the Spirit is working to bring new life. Friends, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are 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**

*Matthew 27: 45-50 (N.T., p. 33)*

*From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? “When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah. “At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.*

**Anthem**

*“Blessed Redeemer”*

*arr. Gary Lanier*

*Laraine Pitcher, flute; Joanne Vliet, clarinet*

## **The Second Lesson**

*Psalm 13 (O.T., p. 494)*

*How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?*

*Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.*

*But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

**Sermon**

*"When All is Lost"*

*Rev. Fred Harrell*

## **Prayers of the People**

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

#### **Call for the Offering**

*Even in hard seasons, we are invited to give—not because everything is perfect, but because God is still faithful.*

*Let us give generously, trusting that our gifts can be seeds of hope in the lives of others.*

**Offertory**

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

*J. S. Bach;*

*arr. for pipa by Shenshen Zhang*

#### **\*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**

*Steadfast God, Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. Use them to comfort the brokenhearted, to lift the weary, and to proclaim your love in places of despair. Help us to give with courage, to live with compassion, and to sing, even when all feels lost. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Communion servers ~ Fran Basso, Sheri Cunningham, Kate Wheatley*

### **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.  
Hosanna 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

**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 met us at this table with grace stronger than sorrow, hope deeper than despair, and love that never lets go. As we leave, nourish our trust, steady our hearts, and remind us that even when all feels lost, you are with us still. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

## We Go Out in God's Name

### **\*Closing Hymn #43**      *"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"*

1  
*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."*

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.*

2  
*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.*

3  
*You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come.*

4  
*For to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

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

#### **Postlude**

*"America the Beautiful"*

*Samuel Ward*

*"Patriotic Freedom Medley"*

*arr. Gary Lanier*

*Laraine Pitcher, flute; Joanne Vliet, clarinet; Shenshen Zhang, pipa*

*Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.*

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

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

Many of this summer's bulletin covers will feature pieces from Lyn Johnson's 'Numbers' series, which often references the number three—a symbol of the Trinity. This week, a Hebrew 3.

**ASL Interpreter** – Stephanie Foisy

#### **Announcements**



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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.

## Announcements

**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 aged 0-3.

**Children** are always welcome in worship! For their enjoyment, there are activity boxes & books in the Narthex (entry way) for them to use during worship. If you'd like to be notified of any upcoming children's events during the summer, email [childrensministry@stonechurch.org](mailto:childrensministry@stonechurch.org) and ask Amber to add you to her email list.

**Today the (Roaming) SJ Presbytery Unity Candle** is at [Daesung Pres.](#) (Rev. Taejinn Hahn). Please pray for all God's people in this congregation.

**The Flowers Today** are in memory of Jack Cunningham's July 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and what would have been his and Sheri's 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

**On Summer Hiatus** - Adult Ed, the Choir, and Children's Church School will all return September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Psalm Series** - The Psalms are the ancient prayer book of God's people—raw, poetic, defiant, and tender. Across centuries, they have helped people express joy, grief, anger, trust, and awe.

This summer at Stone Church, we'll journey through nine powerful psalms that speak to our real lives: offering comfort, courage, honesty, and hope.

**Donate Food Today** – The First Sunday of the month, we collect and donate food for Sacred Heart Community Services. Our collection baskets are in the Narthex to gather donated food/goods. Consider bringing one of these: 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.

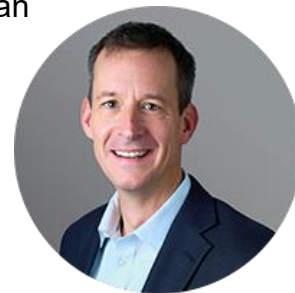


**Library Sundays (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)** – **Today**, the adult library in the Lincoln House will be open during coffee hour. Exit the back of the Social Hall and enter the Lincoln House using the back door. See what's in our browsing library and check out what you'd like. Also, the library is open 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.

**The Liturgical Arts Group** will meet **next Fri, July 11<sup>th</sup>** (12:30pm) for a light lunch and sharing of creations made at home. We will meet under the Lincoln House backyard pavilion. If you've previously met with this group or are interested in doing so in the future, please come, and bring something you've created or are currently working on. RSVP to Jeanette ([jeanette.rapp@comcast.net](mailto:jeanette.rapp@comcast.net), 669-208-2240).



**Next Sunday – Joseph Moore**, the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation's Southwest region will be our guest pastor and will lead an estate planning seminar after the service. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees. Prior to joining the Foundation, Joseph served as pastor at several churches in Texas and Colorado. He is a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Trinity University (TX). He and his wife Shelley live in Ft. Collins, CO with their three children, Micah, Liam, and Hettie.



**'Pack a Back'** - StoneWorks Mission Team is once again supporting Sacred Heart Community Services' back-to-school supplies drive, 'Pack a Back'. You can give to SHCS via this link: <https://www.sacredheartcs.org/pab-2025>.

Cash and back packs are what they need; use the [Amazon link](#) for specific items. Stone Church has always been eager to support our local community and has been very generous in doing so! We are certain you will find this a worthwhile place to donate your resources. If you have any questions or need help donating, contact Maureen Chandler [maureenlchandler@comcast.net](mailto:maureenlchandler@comcast.net) or (408) 410-4619.

**Men's Retreat** – There is interest, and plans are in the works for a Men's Retreat next fall. If you haven't yet given your input [please complete this survey](#) from Rev. Harrell. Even if you aren't interested, he'd like to hear from you. This'll give an idea of what is possible in the future.

**Camping-Themed VCS** - Our first ever OVERNIGHT VCS will be **Fri, Sep 5<sup>th</sup> (5pm) through to Sat, Sep 6<sup>th</sup> (3pm)**! We'll have dinner, campfire, games, a sleep-over, breakfast, and a day of fun-filled activities on Saturday.

We are looking for campers, as well as teen and adult helpers. Please come and participate in whatever portion of the night & day as you can. Designed for ages 5+; campers (and helpers) do not need to spend the night but can leave and return on Saturday for a day of fun. [Click here](#) for a registration form, or pick one up in the Office, or email Amber at ([childrensministry@stonechurch.org](mailto:childrensministry@stonechurch.org)).

**Welcome Elders/Deacons Class of 2028 & Nominating** - As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, or newest class of Deacons & Elders started their three-year term, and the new Nominating Committee members started their 2-year term. Elders: Neale Barret, Amity Bateman, Stephanie Easton, Joanne Vliet. **Deacons:** Fran Cole, Sheri Cunningham, Larry Lermo, Kathy Stark, Kate Wheatley, Leland Wong. **Nom Com:** Janice Goertz, Suzanne Wolf.

**Liturgical Season** – The newest piece from our Liturgical Arts group is the green wall hanging on the front wall of the sanctuary. Almost entirely assembled from remnants of previous projects, look for familiar patterns, including those used for choir stoles and the Six Great Ends of the Church banners on the back wall.

Colors orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. Green symbolizes new life for the rest of the church calendar also called "Ordinary Time" because the Sundays are assigned *ordinal* numbers: First Sunday, Second Sunday, and so on.



Currently we are in Ordinary Time which is celebrated in two segments: from the Monday following the Baptism of Our Lord up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to the First Sunday of Advent. This makes it the largest season of the Liturgical Year (33 weeks)

## July 6 – 13, 2025

### Sunday (7/6)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion - SA & Zoom  
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH

### Monday (7/7)

9:30 - 11:30am OMG - Conf.Room  
7 - 9pm M&C - Zoom  
7:30 - 9pm B&F - Zoom

### Tuesday (7/8)

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

### Wednesday (7/9)

### Thursday (7/10)

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

### Friday (7/11)

9:30 - 11am Caregivers' Support - Conf.Room  
12:30 - 2pm Liturgical Arts – Back Yard Pergola

### Saturday (7/12)

9am - 12pm Elder Training - SH

### Next Sunday (7/13)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom  
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship – SH  
11-12pm Estate Planning – SA & Zoom  
5 - 7pm Chrom. Convergence - 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; (13th) Jeremy Easton; (14th) Maureen Ryan; (17th) Guy Lohman, 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** - Mary & Derk Johnson (7/9/95); Stephanie & Jeremy Easton (7/20/02); Suzanne Wolf & Chris Nilson (7/27/91); Ruth & David McCreath (7/29/59).



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