



Stone Church of Willow Glen - Presbyterian Church (USA)
San José, California
June 29, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.
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

*“Gott der Vater wohn uns bei” BuxWV 190
(God the father, stay with us)*

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Welcome

Rev. Fred Harrell

***Call to Worship**

Christy Wait, Liturgist

Come, people of God, gather from every place and walk of life.

For God’s face shines upon us with grace.

From the north and the south, the east and the west,

Let all the peoples praise God!

Whether you come burdened or light, certain or searching—

There is room here for all.

Let us worship the One whose justice is joyful, whose love is without borders.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God—yes, all the peoples praise you!

***Opening Hymn #10**

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

1

*Sing glory to the name of God,
Whose holy splendor shines abroad.
Enthroned above the crashing waves,
The God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia (x5)!*

3

*The name of God is wild and free,
Awhirl in holy mystery
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
Still changed by the temple choir;
Alleluia (x5)!*

2

*The name of God is full of might;
Resounding thunder, flashing light.
The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of
the great refrain
Alleluia (x5)!*

4.

*May God forever be our peace;
My hymns of glory never cease:
Let all the faithful people come,
Sing praise to God, the Three-in-One
Alleluia (x5)!*

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

God's blessing is not reserved for the few but meant to be shared. Let us come before God, confessing the ways we've held back grace, withheld welcome, or drawn lines around love.

Prayer of Confession

God of boundless love, you shine your face on all people, yet we confess we have limited your blessing. We've drawn tight circles around "us" and "them." We've judged, excluded, and ignored. We've received your grace but failed to extend it. Forgive us, O God. Widen our hearts. Expand our imaginations. Let your radical belonging take root in our lives, until all are welcomed and all are free. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news: God's mercy is deeper than our fear, wider than our failings, stronger than our shame. You are forgiven. You are loved. You belong. So walk in the freedom of grace— and share that freedom with all.

Thanks be to God!

***The Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn #459

"O Word of God Incarnate"

1

*O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky!
We praise Thee for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.*

3

*O make your Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
Your true light as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims
by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended,
They see You face to face.*

2

*The church from her dear Savior
received this gift divine,
and still that light is lifted
on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that all life's voyage through
amid the rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to You.*

We Listen to God's Word

The First Lesson

Matthew 28:16–20 (N.T., p. 34)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Anthem

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

*Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Lighthelm
Jason Jacobs, acoustic guitar*

The Second Lesson

Psalm 67 (O.T., p. 529)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Sermon

“Welcome to the Wide Table”

Rev. Fred Harrell

Prayers of the People and 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 Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

The earth has yielded its increase, and God continues to bless us. Let us now return a portion of our blessings, so that God’s justice, compassion, and joy may flow to all peoples.

Offertory

“Thaxted’ (O God beyond All Praising)”

Robert Buckley Farlee

***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**

Generous God, you have given us grace without end, and love without conditions. Take these gifts and use them to bless the world. Let them lift the lowly, comfort the hurting, and welcome the forgotten. Make us generous not just in money, but in mercy. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

We Go Out in God’s Name

***Closing Hymn #341 “O God, Show Mercy to Us”**

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| <p>1.
<i>O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace, And cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face, So that your way most holy on the Earth may soon be known, And unto ev’ry people your saving grace be shown. Let all the peoples praise you, let all the nations sing; In ev’ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring.</i></p> | <p>2.
<i>For you will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness, And on the Earth all nations will your just rule confess. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing. Then Earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send, And all the Earth will worship to its remotest end.</i></p> |
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*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Trumpet Allemande" Anthony Holborne (1545-1602)

***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 Bengali 3.

ASL Interpreter - Hannah Sullivan

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 May, **Stewardship** 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 and ask Amber to add you to her email list.

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

The Flowers Today are in loving memory of Thomas Logothetti.

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

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.

Liturgical Season - Our Liturgical Arts group is proud to share their latest creation----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. The two-sided green hangings on the side walls highlight Paul's letter to the Galatians (5:22-23). By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faith-fulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such a thing.

Colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage the sense of sight in worship. White and gold symbolize days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ. Red symbolizes the work of the Holy Spirit. Purple designates a season of penitence and preparation, such as Lent. 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)

Scholarship Deadline Tuesday – Application & reference paperwork for a PW Scholarship needs to be postmarked or emailed by **Tue, July 1st**. Mail to *PW Stone Church Scholar-ships, 1937 Lincoln Ave, San Jose 95125*; or email paperwork to nancigrace@comcast.net by tomorrow.

Our Monthly Taizé is this Tues July 1st (1st Tuesday of the month). Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Mantra songs (like "Jesus, Remember Me"), prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment. Come explore this time of quiet, music, scripture, and prayer. Sanctuary doors open at 6:30 pm and the service is from 6:45 - 7:30 pm.

Donate Food Next Sunday – The First Sunday of the month, we collect and donate food for Sacred Heart Community Services. **Next week** we'll have our collection baskets 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.

'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 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 5th (5pm) through to Sat, Sep 6th (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).

Thank You Elders and Deacons Class of 2025

Deacons – Gail Chaid, *Sheri Cunningham, Angie David-son, *Janice Goertz, Chris Nilson, Laraine Pitcher. **Elders** – Jeremy Easton, Jeff, Mattan. **Nominating Committee** – Derk Johnson, Lizanne Oliver.

June 30th ends their 3-year term of service (2-years for Nom Com). Please thank them for the work they've done so graciously for our church community! In July we will welcome the new slate, Class of 2028!

*Sheri (will be a Deacon) & Janice (will be on the Nominating Committee) have signed up for new terms starting in July.

June 29 – July 6, 2025

Sunday (6/29)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH
2 - 3pm Logothetti Memorial - SA

Monday (6/30)

Tuesday (7/1)

4:30 - 6:30pm Worship Mtg - Conf.Room
6:30 - 7:30pm Taizé Service - SA
7:30 - 9:30pm B&G, CE, StoneWorks - Zoom

Wednesday (7/2)

1 - 3pm Amethyst Circle - Zoom
3 - 5pm Stephen Minister Leaders – CR

Thursday (7/3)

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

Friday (7/4)

Closed **Independence Day – Office**

Saturday (7/5)

Next Sunday (7/6)

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

Late JUNE Anniversary - Gary & Shirley Keller (6/30/63).

JULY Anniversaries - Sheri & Jack Cunningham (7/5/64); 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).

Late JUNE Birthdays - (26th) Bob Fraser; (27th) Brian McNelis; (29th) Stephanie Easton.

Early JULY Birthdays - (4th) Fran Lowry; (5th) Lawrence Summers; (6th) Alisa Summers, Martha Mamula; (7th) Karen Scott; (8th) Darlene Snodgrass, Tobi Wessels.

<u>The Elders of the Session</u>		
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