



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

**July 13, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.
15th 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

“O Had I Jubal's Lyre”

*G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Welcome

Rev. Fred Harrell

***Call to Worship**

Lizanne Oliver, Liturgist

We gather in gratitude for the faith that has shaped us—

The stories of mothers and grandmothers, teachers and friends.

God has been faithful in every generation.

And God is still writing the story of love and grace through us.

Come, let us worship the One who calls us by name and claims us by grace.

With open hearts and grateful spirits, we worship the living God!

***Opening Hymn #612 “We Praise You, O God”**

*1
We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*2
We worship you, God of our fathers and
mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have
been.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we
win.*

*3
With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will
guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

God calls us to remember our story—not just the parts we’re proud of, but the whole journey. Let us come before God with honesty and hope, trusting in grace that makes all things new.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

You have woven us into a tapestry of faith— threaded with memory, tradition, and the lives of those who came before us. Yet we forget. We forget the lessons of our ancestors. We overlook the stories that shaped us. We doubt the gifts You’ve placed within us. Forgive us, O God. Remind us who we are and whose we are. Renew our courage to live our faith boldly and lovingly, just as others once did for us. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: The Spirit of God does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free to live our story of grace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***The Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn #643

“Now Thank We All Our God”

1

*Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

3

*All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.*

2

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.*

We Listen to God’s Word

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (O.T., p. 163)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 1:3-5 (N.T., p. 211)

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

Sermon

“What’s your Story?”

Rev. Joseph Moore

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Fred Harrell

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

Just as we have received faith from those before us, we are called to plant seeds for those who come after. With gratitude and hope, let us bring our gifts to God.

Offertory

“An Erin Lilt”

Richard Purvis (1913-94)

***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**

Holy God, Bless these gifts that they might tell a story—a story of hope for the weary, shelter for the vulnerable, and love made real through the church. May our lives and our offerings reflect the faith of those who shaped us and the future You are already unfolding. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

***Closing Hymn #462** *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

1
I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

<Refrain>
***I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.***

2
I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.
<Refrain>

3
I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.
<Refrain>

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Fred Harrell

Postlude

"Trumpet in F"

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

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 Babylonia Sexagesimal 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 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 & ask Amber to add you to her email list.

Today the (Roaming) SJ Presbytery Unity Candle is at [First Pres. Mt. View](#). (Rev. Kim Dor-Tilley). Please pray for all God's people in this congregation.

Today's Flowers are from Charlotte Dickson in memory of Charles Wesley Ramsburg (her father) for what would have been his 135th birthday.

Guest Pastor - Rev. Joseph Moore, the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation's Southwest region, is our guest pastor today. He will also lead an estate planning seminar after worship (see below).

Prior to joining the Foundation, Joseph served as pastor at several churches in Texas and Colorado. In addition to his work at the Foundation, he recently finished serving as moderator of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks. 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. He loves to fly fish even when he doesn't catch any fish, which is often the case.

Estate Planning - Join us for a conversation thinking about legacy. What is it? How do people leave a legacy? How does your legacy and the ministry of your church intersect? Everyone leaves some sort of legacy...what will yours be?

Rev. Moore works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees, and helps congregations discern where the Spirit might be leading as they consider issues around mission, property, and sustainability.

"I am convinced that the Spirit is at work in our Church and stories of hope and faithfulness are the cornerstone of effective ministry and stewardship," said Joseph. "I am excited to walk with congregations as they explore innovative and effective ways to tell their stories, and to use the expertise and resources of the Presbyterian Foundation to help support their mission and ministry."

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.

Welcome Elders and Deacons Class of 2028 & Nom Com - As of July 1st, 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.

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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

Monday (7/14)

Tuesday (7/15)

7 - 8:30pm Session - SH

Wednesday (7/16)

Thursday (7/17)

3 - 5pm Stephen Ministers - SH

Friday (7/18)

Saturday (7/20)

Next Sunday (7/21)

9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
 10:30 - 11am Frappuccino Sunday - Coffee Hour

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 McDaide; (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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