



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

**August 10, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.
19th 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

"Thou Shall Bring Them In"

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

Welcome

Rev. Fred Harrell

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Fred Harrell

Come, beloved community—from every place and path, with every question and hope, with all you carry and all you long to lay down.

We come to a church that is becoming— inclusive, expansive, generous, and liberative.

Here, there is room for every story, a table big enough for every body, and a Spirit moving us beyond what we thought was possible.

We come to be transformed, to imagine again, and to follow Love into a wider future.

***Opening Hymn #305**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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| <p>1.
<i>Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!</i></p> <p>2.
<i>Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!</i></p> | <p>3.
<i>Let courage be our friend,
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!</i></p> <p>4.
<i>Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!</i></p> |
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***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

The Church of the future begins with honesty— honesty about where we’ve been, what we’ve held too tightly, and who we’ve left out.

God does not shame us into change, but invites us—gently and urgently— to return to the wide, welcoming way of Love.

So let us come to God with open hearts, and speak the truth in trust and hope. Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

God of boundless welcome, we confess how small our love can be. We have drawn lines you never drew, closed doors you flung open, and withheld grace you gave freely.

Forgive us for confusing tradition with truth, comfort with calling, familiarity with faithfulness.

Make us brave enough to become your future church— a place of inclusion, liberation, and love-without-end. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved of God, hear the Good News: The Spirit is still speaking. The table is still expanding. The grace of Christ is still setting us free.

You are forgiven, you are welcomed, and you are being made new.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn #301

“Let Us Build a House” (vv 1, 3, 5)

1
*Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

<Refrain>

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

3.
*Let us build a house where love is found in water,
wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
<Refrain>*

5
*Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
<Refrain>*

We Listen to God's Word

The First Lesson

Mark 4:35 - 41 (N.T., p. 39)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Anthem

"Be Ye Sure that the Lord He is God"

*G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Janet Souza and Fred Hanes*

The Second Lesson

Psalm 46 (O.T., p. 517)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Sermon

*Rev. Keri Ladouceur
Exec. Director of the Post Evangelical Collective*

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 future we long for is built on generosity— not just of dollars, but of dreams, trust, and hope. As we give, we partner with the Spirit in creating a world more just, more joyful, and more like the kin-dom of God. Let us give with open hands and expansive hearts.

Offertory

"When Heaven Pours"

*Xinghai Xian
Shenshen Zhang, pipa*

***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 One, bless these gifts and those who give them. May they build a church that moves beyond walls and beyond fear— a church of wild welcome, holy disruption, and faithful imagination. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

1
God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me.

<Chorus>

**O Christ surround me,
O Christ surround me.**

2
Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
Great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets apostles, angels witness
<Chorus>

3
Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet;
<Chorus>

4
Walking behind to hem my journey, going
ahead to light my way, and from beneath,
above, and all ways,
<Chorus>

5
Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
<Chorus>

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"O Lovely Peace" from Judas Maccabaeus

G.F. Handel (1685-1759); Janet Souza and Fred Hanes

*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. Today, Mayan Three.

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 August, **Christian Ed** 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 Amber to be added to her email list. (childrensministry@stonechurch.org)

Today the (Roaming) SJ Presbytery Unity Candle is at [Bonny Doon](#) (Elders Ian Adamson & Denby Adamson). Please pray for all God's people in this congregation.

Flowers this week celebrate Suzanne & David Murata's first wedding anniversary married at Stone exactly a year ago: August 10, 2024. Congratulations!

Guest Pastor – Rev. Keri Ladouceur. She is a pastor, teacher, incessantly curious question asker, and bridge building peacemaker. She believes the fullness of the gospel is liberative good news for all of creation and longs to cultivate new faith spaces of mutuality and flourishing for all people.

Keri is the founder of New Ground Network, where she co-conspires with pastors, denominations, and organizational leaders to clarify and align around their purpose. One of her favorite roles is organizational coach where she is part dreamer, instigator, activator and team counselor. Keri has an MA in New Testament from Northern Seminary, and her imagination for the Beloved Community has been primarily shaped by her native heritage and liberation thinkers and theologians.

She dreams of the Church being a life-giving community that activates the people of God to join Christ in the redemption and restoration of all things.

Adult Ed – (11am SA), Rev. Ladouceur will speak about the work of the [Post Evangelical Collective](#); which exists to connect, cultivate, and resource post evangelical churches.

Men's Book Group meets **Mon, Aug 18th** (7 pm), in the Lincoln House (office) conference room, to discuss "On the Hippie Trail" by Rick Steves. All men welcome; if you have not read the book, come enjoy the chat, wine & snacks.

Bible Study - *Finding Resilience, Joy and Identity in Jesus Christ* is the *Horizons* Bible Study for Presbyterian Women beginning in September. An introduction to the study is being offered on **Thu, Aug 21st** (2 - 4 p.m.) at Maureen Searing's home. Claudia Hamm and Rosaleen Zisch will be introducing the study. Interested in Bible study? You are welcome to attend. Questions? Please contact Claudia Hamm (jnchamm@gmail.com).

Temple Emanu-El Celebrates Pride: Trans Experiences Sun, Aug 24th (1 - 2:30 PM). Join Temple Emanu-El as we hear from a panel of members about their experience as a transgender person or as the parent of a transgender person. Registration is re-quired for this free event.

<https://www.templemanjose.org/event/TransExperiencesPanel>

Silicon Valley Pride – Sat, Aug 30th – Sun, Aug 31st. Stone Church will participate with over 29 other congregations/faith groups to create an interfaith booth at SV Pride. We want to be a welcoming space forLGBTQIA2spirit+ folks to talk, play, and share their stories. We need enthusiastic volunteers to make it happen! [Sign up to volunteer](#).

Camping-Themed VCS – This year, Vacation Church School is our first ever OVERNIGHT VCS - **Fri, Sept 5th (5pm) through to Sat, Sept 6th (3pm)**! We'll have dinner, campfire, games, a sleep-over, breakfast, and a day of fun filled camp on Saturday. We are looking for campers, as well as helpers (teens and adults). Please participate in whatever portion you can. The camp is 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. Registration forms available in the Friday email, church office, or email Amber (childrensministry@stonechurch.org).

Budget & Finance Notice to Congregation - Going through old files we discovered that there are two grave sites at Oak Hill Cemetery, donated to Stone by a member several years ago. If you are just dying to get in on this deal, contact B&F Chair Neale Barret (neale.barret@gmail.com) by the end of September. If none of you want to buy them, we'll begin the process of selling them at market price online.

Back to School – Thank you to all who donated money and goods to the two back-to-school drives. Sacred Heart Community Center's 'Pack-a-Back' school supplies drive was a great success with lots of backpacks and supplies donated to S.J. Unified school district. And once again we came through with school supplies for Willow Glen Cares! They are very appreciative of Stone's continuing partnership.

S.J. Presbytery Newsletter reports that, [St. Philip's Presbyterian Church](#) (Salinas) celebrates their 101st anniversary; and [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) celebrates its 100 years of serving the community on The Alameda!

August 10 – 17, 2025

Sunday (8/10)

9:30 - 10:30am	Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - SH
11am - 12pm	Adult Ed - SA
5 - 7pm	Chromatic Rehearsal - SA

Monday (8/11)

Tuesday (8/12)

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

Wednesday (8/13)

Thursday (8/14)

9:30am - 12pm	PWCT - Conf.Room
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Friday (8/15)

Saturday (8/16)

Next Sunday (8/17)

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

AUGUST Birthdays - (2nd) Don D'Angelo & Alice Thorn; (3rd) Walter Roach; (5th) Bob Cole; (8th) Devon Brook; (9) Andrew Clark, Shenshen Zhang; (10th) Hilleguus Faber; (11th) Beth Lococo; (12th) James Lathrop; (15th) Jenny Pichon; (16th) Jordan Guenther; (17th) Matt Coleman; (18th) Christopher Smith; (21st) Mary-Ann Hudson; (22nd) Bruce Raby; (24th) Caitlin Tips; (26th) Allen Bartu & Angie Davidson; (28th) Jodi Leibowitz; (30th) Marion Lee.

AUGUST Anniversaries - Joyce & Lawrence Summers (8/2/64); Lizanne & Fred Oliver (8/8/70); Sandi & John Lococo (8/16/81); Virginia & Art Holtz (8/20/60); Josh & Kelley Alwood (8/30/08)



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