Stone Church of Willow Glen - Presbyterian Church (USA)

San José, California September 24, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. 17th Sunday after Pentecost

The Preparation for the Word

Before worship, speak with God. During worship, let God speak to you. After worship, speak with those around you.

- Prelude"Antiphon"Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)
Barbara Vella, OrganistWelcomeThe Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor
- Introit "How Firm a Foundation" (Hymn 361) Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director
- **Call to Worship** (From Exodus 13:21, 22 and 16:4) Brad Tips, Liturgist It was God who provided manna in the desert.

And God who led the people with a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day.

God's care and guidance continue today.

Let us worship in thanksgiving and praise!

*Opening Hymn #430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Call to Confession (by Beth Merrill Neel from Hold Fast to What Is Good) Each week as a community we set aside time to admit our sin. For some, sin is hurting someone else. For others, sin is creating a rift between people. Sin may be our self-induced separation from God. However we understand sin, let us offer to God what lies heavily in our hearts this day.

Prayer of Confession

O Holy God, we know we have fallen short.

We turn our backs when we could embrace. *We remain silent when we could speak.*

We speak when we could listen.

We close the door when we could fling it wide open.

We judge when we could seek understanding.

We cling when we could give.

Forgive us, O God, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon Friends, hear the Good New everlasting. In Jesus Christ Thanks be to God! A	
*Gloria Hymn #576 Gloria, gloria, in exc Gloria, gloria, allelu	
*The Passing of the Peace The Peace of Christ be with And also with you.	you.

We Listen To God's Word

The First Lesson	Psalm 145:1-9 (O.T., p. 581)	
Anthem	"Down to the River to Pray" Jess Roberts, Lizanne Oliver, & J	Sheldon Curry Judy West, soloists
Children's Sermon	Amber Biscardi, Church Sch (Children dismissed to church school)	ool Administrator
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The Second Lesson	Matthew 20:1-16 (1	N.T., p. 21)
Sermon	"An Unfair God"	Rev. Irene Pak Lee

We Respond to the Good News

*Hymn of Response #280	"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"		
Call for the Offering			
Offertory	"Dearest Jesus, We are Here" setting by Benjamin Culli (b. 1975)		
*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

Prayers of the People and the 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.

<u>We Go Out in God's Name</u>

*Closing Hymn #415 "Come, Labor On"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. by Don Hustad (1918-2013)

Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude. Please exit thru the back doors, thru the Narthex to the patio.

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

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Thank You...

ASL ~ Hannah Davis Sour Deacon Greeters ~ Charla & Darrin Johnson Zoor Ushers ~ Kate Wheatley & Jodi Lax

Sound ~ Steve Nelson **Zoom** ~ Brissa Lake

