



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

**February 5, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**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**

*“Fantasia”*

*Johann Krebs (1730-80)  
Barbara Vella, Organist*

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

*Rev. Evie Macway, Interim Pastor*

**Introit**

*“As Morning Dawns” (Hymn #161)*

*Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

**Call to Worship**

*You are the salt of the earth!*

**You are the light of the world!**

*Let us celebrate and affirm this powerful charge as we worship this morning.*

**Salty and bright children of God!**

*Kathy Stark, Liturgist*

**\*Opening Hymn**

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

***This little light of mine,  
I’m gonna let it shine. (x3)  
Let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine!***

***Hide it under a bushel, no!  
I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine!***

***Everywhere I go,  
I’m gonna let it shine! (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine!***

***This little light of mine,  
I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine,  
let it shine!***

## **Call to Confession** (by Paul Tournier)

*“Christ calls us to repentance, not so that we shall remain at this introspective stage, but so that, forgiven and set free, we can throw ourselves into action, and bring forth fruit, as he himself insists.”*

*Let us go to God in confession.*

## **Prayer of Confession**

*Challenging God, you call us to action in the world, to be your hands and feet and heart in the world today.*

**And yet we see the needs of people, the complexities of the problems, and we do not know how or where to begin.**

*We look at our own limitations, rather than seeing what is possible through your transforming love and justice.*

**Grant us the wisdom and the courage to know that you do not wait for perfection. Show us where you would have us be your salt and light today, that we, forgiven and free, may bear witness to your love and justice.**

## **Silence**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor*

*Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Who we were and who we are is who God loves and calls today.*

**Let us walk in that forgiveness and love always.**

*Christ comes that we might know God’s faithfulness to us. Let us live that faithfulness today.*

### **\*Gloria #576**

*“Gloria, Gloria”*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **\*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**

*Isaiah 58:1-9a (O.T., p. 688)*

*Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?*

*Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.*

*If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,*

## **Anthem**

*“The Heavens are Telling”*

*Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)*

*Gabriel: Peggy Spool, soprano;*

*Uriel: Derk Johnson, tenor; Raphael: Vern Tegger, bass*

## **The Second Lesson**

*Matthew 5:13-20 (our pew bible, N.T., p. 4)*

*(Text taken from The Message version of the Bible)*

*“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.*

*“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.*

*“Don’t suppose for a minute that I have come to demolish the Scriptures—either God’s Law or the Prophets. I’m not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, pull it all together in a vast panorama. God’s Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God’s Law will be alive and working.*

*“Trivialize even the smallest item in God’s Law and you will only have trivialized yourself. But take it seriously, show the way for others, and you will find honor in the kingdom. Unless you do far better than the Pharisees in the matters of right living, you won’t know the first thing about entering the kingdom*

## **Communion Meditation**

*“Being the Church”*

*Rev. Evie Macway*

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

**\*Response** *From the Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world**

**the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,**

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,**

**to unmask idolatries in the Church and culture,**

**to hear the voices of people long silence,**

**and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

## **Prayers of the People & 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.**

## **Call for the Offering**

### **Offertory**

*“Musical Clock”*

*Franz Josef Haydn*

**\*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

### Communion Hymn #507

*“I Come with Joy”*

1

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.*

4

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here.*

2

*I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.*

5

*Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.*

3

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.*

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*(Nicholas Hurley and Kathy Stark, communion servers)*

#### Invitation to the Table

*Jesus invites us to come to this table to remember, to celebrate and to be nourished.*

**We come as we are to gather in the name of Christ.**

*We come as members of the body of Christ, united by the One who invites us to this table.*

**We are welcome. Let us gather around this table in thanksgiving and in joy.**

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*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**

*It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... O God. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace and justice with your whole creation.*

*We thank you also for the new creation, made known to us through the resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. We are humbled by this gift of life, by the hope, the promise and the wonder this gift brings. In joy....*

*Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, and sing to the glory of your name:*

**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.**

*God we ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood*

*of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with each other and with all who share this feast you have prepared. Amen*

## **Words of Institution**

### **\*Sharing the Bread & Cup**

#### **Communion Anthem**

*“Ave Verum”*

*Mozart*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Gracious God we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this meal shared in the Spirit with Jesus Christ.*

**We go from here strengthened and refreshed, to speak your love and reveal your presence in the world.**

### **We Go Out in God’s Name**

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

*“Come! Live in the Light!”*

*#749 Glory to God Hymnal*

*1  
Come, live in the light  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom of the city of God*

**<Refrain>**

**We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God**

*2.  
Come, open your heart  
Show your mercy to all those in fear  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more*

**<Refrain>**

*3.  
Sing, sing a new song  
Sing of that great day when all will be one  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love*

**<Refrain>**

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

#### **Postlude**

*“Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te”*

*Leon Boellmann (1862-97)*

*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 stand.**

Bulleting cover art - “The Best Supper” by Jan Richardson.

### **Thank You...**

**ASL** ~ Stephanie Foisy

**Sound** ~ Rev. David McCreath

**Deacon Greeter** ~ Jenny Pichon

**Zoom** ~ Marion Lee

**Ushers** ~ Jodi Lax and Wendy Lord

*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 February, **Men’s Mission Ministries** and friends are serving coffee & refreshments after worship. All are invited!

*Next Membership Inquiry Luncheon: March 19<sup>th</sup>*

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**Welcome Guests and Visitors!** We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall and on the patio after worship. 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 & the Social Hall. It's open each Sunday for children ages 0-3 during worship, and ages 0-up during Adult Ed classes (11-Noon).

**We Invite All People** to share in Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month). During Communion, process down the center aisle, take a cup with a piece of bread, dip it in a chalice (amber liquid is grape juice and the purple is wine), partake, and then return to your seat by the side aisle.

**Communion Sunday Children's Church School** - The first Sunday of the month is Communion Sunday, so today the children begin Church School at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room (located through the Social Hall from the Lincoln Ave side of the Sanctuary). Children will join the congregation during the offering and participate in Communion.

**Pew Pads** – Please remember to sign the pew pad and pass it to the next person in your row.

**The flowers on the Retable** are given by Claudia Hamm in memory of Linda Hagan, her sister in the faith.

**Haydn Anthem** is excerpted from “*The Creation*” (*Die Schöpfung*) a large work for chorus, orchestra, and soloists, celebrating Earth's wonders that God has created. Three angels, Gabriel, Uriel, and Raphael also comment. “The heavens are telling the glory of God—the wonder of his works displays the firmament. Today that is coming speaks it the day--the night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word--never unperceived, ever understood.”

**Adult Ed** (11am - Sanctuary) – Morgan Lord and Kelsey Lax will go over everything you need to know about pro-noun usage, different ways to approach the subject, and answer any questions that you have about pronouns. It's something that everyone should know as it becomes a part of our everyday life (e.g. they now appear in our directory) so we would love to see you in the class!

**February's Taize Service** is this coming Tue, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month). Please come explore this time of quiet, music, scripture, and prayer. Sanctuary doors open at 6:30 pm (service is 6:45 - 7:30 pm). Weekly Lenten Taize services start Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Seeking Lenten Devotion Writers!** We will be compiling another daily Lenten devotion this year written by YOU, members and friends of Stone Church. The theme this year will be "Seeking". We would love poetry, art, and written reflections around that theme and how it expands for you. These will be distributed digitally each day. Please submit devotions to Rev. Irene at [irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org).

**Youth Group Superbowl Party!** - Join us next Sun, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> (3pm) to watch the Superbowl together. Youth 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join for game/halftime fun (or just for the commercials) at Rev. Irene & Marion's home. Snacks and drinks will be served! RSVP to Pastor Irene at [irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org).

**New Member Inquiry** – If you are interested in becoming a member of Stone Church, or maybe you're not ready yet, but would like to hear about the process, please attend a New Member Inquiry meeting/luncheon on **Sun, Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** (11-1pm). Find out more about Stone Church, meet some great people, and hear how Presbyterianism differs from other expressions of Christian faith. This is a no-pressure gathering to help attendees explore the process of becoming members, as well as answer questions related to what Presbyterians believe. If you are please email Rev. Pak Lee ([irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org)).

**Deacon Update** – We'd like to include everyone to our list of meal volunteers for the Easton family. Stephanie Easton is battling stage 3 colon cancer; she finished radiation this week, and starts chemotherapy on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> (continuing to June). Along with a community of their friends, we're trying

to provide suppers 3 times a week If you can help, click the link below to sign up. The Easton's are **extremely grateful** for all the support they are receiving from our church.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ay2WSeQK1GyX1\\_idULG0FzeSaC0038\\_QyAkwsKnv1ow/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ay2WSeQK1GyX1_idULG0FzeSaC0038_QyAkwsKnv1ow/edit?usp=sharing)

**Temporary Church School Administrator** – Mary Jo retires in June, and we are seeking someone for a part-time temporary position, from this July through December. The purpose of this position is to implement, administer, and promote the Christian education and spiritual formation of children ages birth through fifth grade, including oversight of our infant and early childhood program, and also supporting our youth programs. This position is designed to continue the current lively and valued Church School program thru 2023, after the Mary Jo Blazek's retirement on June 30<sup>th</sup>. While we are committed to the Christian education of its children into the future, the uncertainties arising from COVID-19, pastoral staffing transitions, membership, and budget mean that the exact configuration of position(s) related to Church School administration beyond Dec 31<sup>st</sup> can't be determined yet. To apply, access the application at <https://www.stonechurch.org/temp-churchschool-admin>

**Open Doors and Blankets** – In keeping with CDC recommendations for airflow, we are keeping the exterior doors open during worship. For your comfort, feel free to bring a lap rug, shawl, or blanket. If you have extras, you can leave them at church for others to use; blankets left for others to use should be in good condition and clean. If you are using a "church" blanket (left for others to use each week) after worship please drape it over the pew so it can air out, or take it home and launder it and bring it back the next week.

**Year End Statements** were mailed and emailed. If you did not receive your statement, please contact Jennifer ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)).

**Ushering** during a Sunday morning worship service is a great way to get involved in the life of this congregation. It doesn't take a lot of time; no experience needed; training and support are provided. If you have questions, please contact Jodi Lax ([Jodi.d.lax@gmail.com](mailto:Jodi.d.lax@gmail.com)); or sign-up at: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ziUJi\\_czcCnRFeY-0CzeocWX0WqbuZZx9pO3wefC\\_O8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ziUJi_czcCnRFeY-0CzeocWX0WqbuZZx9pO3wefC_O8/edit?usp=sharing)

**February 5 – 12, 2023**

**Sunday (2/5)**

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Communion - SA  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
 10:45 - 11:45am PNC - Room 5  
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom

**Monday (2/6)**

4 - 7:30pm Vivace (Primo/Treble) - SH  
 6 - 8pm Vivace (Treble) - SA  
 7:30 B&F - Zoom

**Tuesday (2/7)**

8:30am - 2:30pm PACT Intern - SH  
 10 - 11am PACT Mtg - SH  
 5:30 - 6:30pm Worship Mtg - Zoom  
 6:45 - 7:30pm Taizé Service - SA  
 7:30pm B&G, CE, M&C, S.Works - Separately on Zoom

**Wednesday (2/8)**

4:15 - 6:45pm Vivace - SH  
 7:30 - 9pm Choir Rehearsal - SH

**Thursday (2/9)**

9:30 - 11:30am PWCT - SH

6 - 8pm  
 6 - 7:30pm

Vivace (SATB) - SA  
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**Friday (2/10)**

10 - 11am Caregivers' Support - SH  
 1:30 - 4pm Liturgical Arts - Room 1

**Saturday (2/11)**

10am - noon Resounding Achord - SH

**Next Sunday (2/12)**

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom  
 10:30 - 11am Anointing & Prayer - SA  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
 10:45 - 11:45am PNC - Room 5  
 3pm S.Bowl Youth Sunday - Irene's

**FEBRUARY Birthdays** - (1<sup>st</sup>) Elizabeth Sarmiento; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Ryann McManus; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Kathie Drake; (4<sup>th</sup>) Jane Martin; (7<sup>th</sup>) Steven Graham; (8<sup>th</sup>) Steve Nelson, Dawn Priedium; (11<sup>th</sup>) Thomas Snodgrass; (12<sup>th</sup>) Michelle Walters; (17<sup>th</sup>) Jonathan Miller; (18<sup>th</sup>) Kent Campbell, Jutta Sargent; (20<sup>th</sup>) Bill Lakatos; (23<sup>rd</sup>) Susi Pixley; (24<sup>th</sup>) Karen Wessels; (25<sup>th</sup>) Kate Wheatley; (26<sup>th</sup>) Justin Hiestand; (27<sup>th</sup>) Nancy Paul.

<b>The Elders of the Session</b> Clerk of Session ~ Deborah Crim		
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