



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

**April 14, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**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**

*“Easter Song: O Sons and Daughters of the Lord”*

*Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

*Barbara Vella, Organist*

**Welcome**

*Rev. Fred Harrell*

**Introit**

*“This is My Fathers World” (Hymn #293)*

*Jeremy Easton*

**Call to Worship**- based on Psalm 98: 1-8

*Kaiyo Easton, Liturgist*

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God’s right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.*

**The Lord has made known his salvation; God has shown justice to the nations.**  
*God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of melody.**

*With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the Lord, our God. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.*

**Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!**

**\*Opening Hymn #263**      *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

1  
*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

2  
*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and  
love.*

3  
*To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish; but naught changeth  
Thee.*

4  
*Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*

**Call to Confession** - *Mark 1:14-15*

*Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God,**  
**you forgive all who return to you. Together, we humbly confess our sins and joyfully receive your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, God saved us: not because of righteous things we had done, but because of God’s mercy.*

*— from Titus 3:4-5*

*This is the good news.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Silence**

**\*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**

*Psalm 30: 1-5 (O.T., p. 505)*

*I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.*

*O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.*

*Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

**Anthem**

*“10,000 Reasons”*

*Matt Redmond*

## **The Second Lesson**

*John 21: 1-19 (N.T., p. 115)*

*After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.*

*Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.*

*When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.*

*When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'*

**Sermon**

*"Breakfast for Failures"*

*Rev. Fred Harrell*

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

### **Call for the Offering**

*Friends, God has been generous with us, so let us now return to God a portion of what has been given to our care.*

### **Offertory**

*"The Morning Trumpet"*

*setting by Don Hustad (1918-2013)*

### **\*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 blessed us to be a blessing to others. Use these offerings to bring renewal and hope to our city and our world. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

## 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.**

### We Go Out in God's Name

#### \*Closing Hymn

*"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners"*

1

*Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
friends may fail me, foes assail me;  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.*

**(Refrain)**

***Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.***

2

*Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.*

**(Refrain)**

3

*Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.*

**(Refrain).**

4

*Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,  
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.*

**(Refrain)**

5

*Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
more than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness;  
I am His, and He is mine!*

**(Refrain)**

#### \*Charge and Benediction

#### Postlude

*"Pasticcio"*

*Jean Langlais (1907-91)*

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

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### Thank You...

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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 April, **the Presbyterian Women (PW)**, and friends are serving coffee & refreshments after worship.  
All are invited!

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**Welcome Guests and Visitors!** We hope you already feel at home among us 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 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. All older children are invited to participate in the children's sermon time, usually followed by church school.

**Sermon Theme Today** – Jesus makes breakfast for the disciples on the side of lake; reinstatement of Peter.

**Children's Sunday School** – Today children will meet with Peggy Spool in the Fireside Room for choir practice.

Children's Sunday School will change to a biweekly format, with the children in Sunday School for the entire service. They will still participate in communion, but will return to Sunday School afterwards. **Bi-weekly Sunday School Schedule: Apr 21 & 28, May 5, 12 & 19, Jun 2.**

On alternate Sundays, when Sunday school is not in session, Peggy will lead the children in Choir practice. As always, there are children's activity boxes in the Narthex to use while in the Sanctuary.

**Banner** – Hanging on the front sanctuary wall is, *The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Human-kind*, the first of the "Six Great Ends of the Church" (PC, USA), interpreted by our Liturgical Arts group. The cross of Christ (in multi-shades of blue, 2" squares), is our salvation, as proclaimed in the Scripture (the open book) which were inspired by the Holy Spirit (the dove). The red background is machine-quilted.

**Anointing ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays** – **Today** after worship, come up to the front of the Sanctuary (near the piano) for anointing from Rev. Dr. David McCreath; an opportunity for a moment of personal prayer and anointing. Anointing, an ancient practice that continues in today's churches, originally used to designate public leaders, such as kings, or used as part of a healing process for illnesses. At Stone Church, it is used as a symbol of God's grace, an act calling forth the Holy Spirit, a way of demonstrating the presence of God, of the desire of God that we find peace and comfort.

**Visit The Libraries Today!** - The adult library in Lincoln House is open during coffee hour today for the first time in several years. Library volunteers will open the library as often as possible, posting a sign in the Social Hall near the back door.

The back door to Lincoln House will be open when a volunteer is present. Access to the children's/YA library needs to be made through the church school rooms. Please visit; you are sure to be rewarded with some amazing finds!

**Stone Church Youth Group Tonight** - 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcomed to join for study, food, fellowship, and fun on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (5–7 pm). Friends are always welcomed, too. RSVP to Kathleen Oliver ([koliver\\_2002@yahoo.com](mailto:koliver_2002@yahoo.com), 408-393-7778)

**Men's Book Group** meets **tomorrow, Mon, April 15<sup>th</sup>** (7 pm) at Art Holtz's, 1771 Frobisher Way, SJ, 95124, to discuss "Al Made Simple" by Rajeev Kapur. All men are welcome; even if you haven't read it, come anyway, for the conversation, wine & snacks.

**You Can Make A Difference!** Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? An opportunity to connect with people you might not otherwise meet. 'Loaves & Fishes', a local food kitchen, is in need of volunteers to help serve healthy meals to those experiencing food insecurity. Stone Church members volunteered last month for a 2 - 4:30 pm shift, and found it to be a worthwhile time with each other and those being served. Our goal is to make this a monthly event, so here is your chance to take part by joining us **this Thurs, Apr 18<sup>th</sup>**. You'll really be glad you did! For more information, and how to sign up contact Maureen Chandler ([maureenlchandler@comcast.net](mailto:maureenlchandler@comcast.net)) or Barbara Krause ([bkrause90@gmail.com](mailto:bkrause90@gmail.com)) on behalf of the StoneWorks and Membership and Communications committees.

**Recovery Café** – You're invited! Please join us for Recovery Cafe's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Closing the Gap' Luncheon and Fundraising event, **this coming Fri, Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** (11:30am - 1pm). You will hear Cafe members share their experiences, enjoy music by the Cafe Chorus, and learn about Cafe's mission, vision and impact. Stone Church has recently supported Recovery Cafe with a financial gift and this is an opportunity to be connected with this organization in other tangible ways. StoneWorks committee is hosting a table and would like to fill the seats with friends and members of Stone Church. The event is free, will be held at Villa Ragusa in downtown Campbell, and there is no obligation to contribute. Please contact Maureen Chandler to reserve your seat. You won't want to miss this! [maureenlchandler@comcast.net](mailto:maureenlchandler@comcast.net)

**Los Angeles Children's Chorus** will provide special music at **next Sunday's worship service (April 21<sup>st</sup>)**. Their Intermediate Choir will sing for Stone as part of their Bay Area tour. Fred Meade, Associate Artistic Director, will lead the chorus. [LACC](http://LACC) is a Grammy Award-winning ensemble based in Pasadena California. They provide choral music education of the highest quality to young people who represent richly diverse racial, economic, and cultural backgrounds. We are delighted to have them joining and invite you to hear this very special choir! Thank you, Peggy Spool for making this happen!



Watch the Academy Award nominated short film "**Sing!**" from the American Film Foundation. (<https://vimeo.com/430099207/fb1d50ec4b>).

How do squeaky-voiced 8 year olds become amazing singers? This film about the Los Angeles Children's Chorus tells the story of how a community group, despite severe cutbacks in the arts, is able to develop a children's chorus that is one of the best in the world.

"Don't miss Sing!... wonderful, inspirational profile on the Los Angeles Children's Choir." - The News and Observer, Durham, NC)

"Sing! dramatizes how children transform from 'shower singers' to choristers of exceptional vocal beauty." - Amazon review)

**Adult Ed Next Week** (11am SA) – **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, join Sue Williams for ***The Beatitudes In A New Light***. Twenty modern voices will give input to her remarks, including four major authors who lectured and preached at Stone Church-- Robert McAfee Brown, Marcus Borg, John Shelby Spong, and John Dominic Crossan. Other contributors to this message will include Rowan Williams, Raymond Brown, Peter Gomes, Amy-Jill Levine, Stephen Mitchell Kenneth Bailey, and Garry Wills. This will be a fresh view of some very familiar passages. This program is adapted from Sue's reference book **Understand the New Testament: A Chapter and Verse Handbook of Modern Voices** <https://cldup.com/pyx1Yh1tzN.pdf>

**Vacation Church School** is **June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** (8:45am – Noon). Mark your calendars for this fun week of "Knights of the North Castle!" Email Amber to register ([amber\\_biscardi@stonechurch.org](mailto:amber_biscardi@stonechurch.org)).

**B&F (Budget & Finance Committee)** needs your help counting Sunday's offerings. You'd be paired with a B&F member to gather the items in the collection plates; take it to the church office where it's sorted, the cash double counted & recorded; then locked in the church safe. It takes about 15 to 20 minutes each Sunday. It's a good way to see how the income we depend on is handled. If you'd be able one Sunday a month to assist with this task, contact Mel Goertz (Chair) at [melgoertz85@gmail.com](mailto:melgoertz85@gmail.com), or Brad Tips (Vice Chair) at [tipsbradley@gmail.com](mailto:tipsbradley@gmail.com).

**April 14 – 21, 2024**

**Sunday (4/14)** Women's Retreat - St. Francis  
 8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom  
 10:30 - 11am Anointing & Prayer - SA  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH  
 5 - 7pm Chromatic Converg. Rehearsal -  
 5 - 7pm Youth Group - SH/K

**Monday (4/15)** Rev. Fred away  
 9:30 - 11:30am OMG - Conf.Room  
 2:30pm Page Turners Book Group  
 4 - 7:30pm Vivace - SH  
 6 - 7:30pm Vivace - SA  
 7pm Men's Book Group - Holtz's

**Tuesday (4/16)** Rev. Fred away

**Wednesday (4/17)** Rev. Fred away  
 4:30 - 6:30pm Vivace - SH  
 7:30 - 9pm Choir Rehearsal - SH

**Thursday (4/18)** Rev. Fred away  
 3 - 5:30pm Stephen Ministers - Conf.Room  
 5 - 6:30pm Vivace - SA  
 6:30 - 8pm Vivace - SH

**Friday (4/19)** Rev. Fred away

**Saturday (4/20)**  
 9am - 3pm Vivace Spring Sing - SH/SA

**Next Sunday (4/21)**  
 8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am Church School - Fireside Room  
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship -SH  
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA  
 5 - 7pm Chromatic Converg. Rehearsal

**APRIL Birthdays** - (1<sup>st</sup>) Garrett Balao; (2<sup>nd</sup>) Cralg Bowers; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Peter Nelson; (4<sup>th</sup>) Madison

McManus;(5<sup>th</sup>) Renee Pavlovich; (8<sup>th</sup>) Lizanne Oliver, Laraine Pitcher, Joyce Linn, & Mary Burfine; (9<sup>th</sup>) Eric Olson; (12<sup>th</sup>) Janice Goertz; (15<sup>th</sup>) Rev. Marge Palmer, Pam Hood, & Rhonda Lakatos; (17<sup>th</sup>) Michele Edwards, Bob Lowry, Marcia Ludwig, & Nina Mundi; (20<sup>th</sup>) Jody Salzer; (21<sup>st</sup>) Sheri Cunningham; (22<sup>nd</sup>) Allison van Diggle; (23<sup>rd</sup>) Claudia Hamm; (24<sup>th</sup>) Gary Fritz & Bill Ribble; (26<sup>th</sup>) David Leggitt; (27<sup>th</sup>) Susan Bedolla & Heather Henry; (29<sup>th</sup>) Mary Alice Collins & Jerry Keifer; (30<sup>th</sup>) Jim Hagan & Rod Thorn.

**APRIL Anniversary** – Fran & Bob Lowry (4/10/1976)

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