



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

***June 8, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.
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.*

Chimes

Prelude

“Hail Thee, Festival Day”

*David Cherwien (b. 1957)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Welcome

Rev. Fred Harrell

Introit

“Come Holy Ghost”

*Bruce Benedict
Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

***Call to Worship**

Fred Oliver, Liturgist

Come, Holy Spirit, with wind that rips through our hesitations.

Come with fire that burns away fear and sets our hearts ablaze.

Come speaking every language of love, justice, and welcome.

Come, Spirit of renewal, and birth the church again in us.

We are here, gathered as they were—

Ready to be transformed, sent, and inspired. Come, Holy Spirit, and make all things new!

***Opening Hymn**

“Come Holy Ghost”

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

(Chorus)

**Be not afraid, where you go there I
am with you. (2x)**

2.
O Comforter, to thee we cry, Thou
heavenly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love, And
sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.

(Chorus)

3.
O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, Know
we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed, That
thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.

(Chorus)

4.
Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, And
Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow all gifts
that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

(Chorus)

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

*The Spirit draws us not just into mission, but into honesty. Let us bring our hearts before God,
trusting in grace that meets us where we are and calls us into something more.*

Prayer of Confession

**Spirit of the Living God, we confess that we have resisted your wind and fire. We
have clung to comfort instead of courage, silenced voices instead of listening
across differences, and chosen safety over the boldness of love. Forgive us for the
ways we have tamed your wild movement.**

**Break through our fears. Speak your truth in every language of our lives. Set us
free to be your Pentecost people. Amen.**

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news: The Spirit still falls on all flesh. God's mercy is poured out in every tongue,
on every heart open to receive it. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free, and made new.*

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***The Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn #293

“Loving Spirit”

1
Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit,
You have chosen me to be;
You have drawn me to Your wonder,
You have set Your sign on me..

2
Like a mother You enfold me,
Hold my life within Your own,
Feed me with Your very body,
From me of Your flesh and bone

3
Like a father you protect e,
Teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon Your shoulder,
Let me see the world from high.

4
Loving Spirit, in Your closeness
I am known and held and blest;
In Your promise is my comfort,
In Your presence I may rest.

We Listen to God's Word

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (O.T., p. 806)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know. "Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. "I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely. "Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Anthem

"Blessed Be God"

Betty Jacobson

Children's Sermon

Amber Biscardi, Children's Ministry

(Children are dismissed to church school)

The Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21 (N. T., p. 119)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean? "But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old

men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Sermon

"The Day Church Got Weird (and Wonderful)"

Rev. Fred Harrell

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

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

"Send Us Your Spirit"

Dan Schutte, arr. Jeffrey Honore

Barbara Vella and Judy West express Pentecost's fire & wind through music & dance

***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, on the day of Pentecost, you poured out your Spirit and sparked a movement of love that crossed every border. May these gifts we offer today carry that same Spirit— into our community, our world, and the lives of those in need. Use them, and use us, to fan the flames of justice, compassion, and peace. In Christ's name, Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

***Closing Hymn**

"Enemy of Apathy"

*1
She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.*

*2
She wings over earth, resting where she
wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the
skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each
wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.*

*3
She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness
reigned;
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are
open,
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.*

*4
For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Today God's Son triumphs" BWV 630

J. S. Bach (1684-1750)

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

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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 May, **Stewardship** and friends
are serving coffee & refreshments after worship.

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 ages 0-3.

Children's Church School - Children attend worship with their parents and go to Church School after the Children's Sermon. Also, there are some children's activity boxes in the Narthex (entry way) to use in the Sanctuary prior to the children's sermon.

Today the Unity Candle is at [Los Gatos Presbyterian](#) (Rev. Dr. Dave Watermulder). Each week the Unity Candle travels to a different church in the San Jose Presbytery; please pray for all God's people in this congregation.

The Retable Flowers are in celebration of Michele and Carter Edwards' 37 years of marriage--congratulations!

Today is Pentecost, which arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension — when Jesus ascends into heaven. Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast. Jesus and the Scriptures are making an important theological point at Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born.

Red is the color of fire and symbolizes the presence of God's Holy Spirit and the sacrifices of martyrs. Pentecost is the only Sunday for red in the liturgical calendar.

Adult Ed Today – (11am Fireside Room) Join Bob Cole for a brainstorming session for next fall's Adult Ed topics.

High School Graduates			
Graduate	Related to...	Graduating from...	Next Step...
Elizabeth Chester	Grandchild of Martha Mamula	Highland High School, Medina, Ohio	University of Kentucky School of Nursing.
Matthew Schroeder	Grandchild of Lizanne & Fred Oliver	Santa Teresa High School	He will attend the Automotive Technology Program at Evergreen Valley College in the fall.
College Graduates			
Graduate	Related to...	Graduating from...	Degree/Next Step
Alyssa Blodgett	Erin & Bill Blodgett	UC San Diego	B.S. - Psychology with a specialization in Clinical Psychology and a B.A. - Critical Gender Studies. She plans to return to San Jose and work in the San Jose area.
Anna Hughes	Bill Hughes & Joanne Vliet	Univ of Washington	B.S.- Psychology, with a Minor in Nutrition (Dean's List). Anna will return to San Jose to work and begin applications for graduate school.
Gabriel McCreath	Grandchild of Ruth & David McCreath	College of Wooster	Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. -Religious Studies – received the highest honor for his Independent Study. He will move to Indianapolis, IN. for a year of service with the Episcopal Service Corps.
Charlotte McNelis	Alice & Brian McNelis	UC Berkeley	B.A. - Conservation Resource Studies, with minors in Food Systems and Sustainable Design. She is living in SF and working at Pie Ranch in food justice, education and sustainable farming.

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 teen and adult helpers. Please come and 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 are available in the Friday email, in the church office, or email Amber (childrensministry@stonechurch.org).

Presbyterian Women invites you to its Annual Picnic/Salad Luncheon **next Sat, June 14th** (noon) in Maureen Searing's backyard (1460 Dry Creek Road). Please bring a salad to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. The Birthday Offering will be dedicated, and we will hear from several Santa Clara Public Health Nurses who will update us on their work during the past year. RSBVP to Maureen Searing (mosearing@gmail.com) or Claudia Hamm (jnchamm@gmail.com).

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday - Following worship, stay to nominate and elect Elders and Deacons (Class of 2028) to serve as officers of the church for the next 3 years, as well as members of the Nominating Committee (Class of 2027). Committee annual reports will be available as well.

Men's Book Group meets **Mon, June 16th** (7 pm), in the Lincoln House (office) conference room, to choose the 4 books for this coming fall. All men welcome to suggest books and enjoy the conversation, wine & snacks.

Make Music San Jose – **Sat, June 21st** Stone Church will serve as one of the venues for this FREE day of music! San Jose has added its name to a global list of over 1,000 cities that on that day will celebrate music with free public performances on streets, sidewalks, parks and concert venues. It's a day to celebrate music with all who want to take part, from professional to amateur musicians. This free event is open to the public and Stone Church will host performances by the San Jose Symphonic Choir and many more. If you have an interest in performing, contact Fred Oliver (fredoliver@aol.com) **by this coming Fri, June 13th.**

Women's Retreat Meeting – Sun, June 22 (11am) we'll have a lunch meeting at Jennifer Scott-Brand's house to talk about this year's event, and to make plans for our 2026 retreat. We'd love to have all ages on our planning committee (ages 18 and up). **RSVP, so we prepare enough food** (OfficeManager@StoneChurch.org).

Loaves and Fishes – Join Stone Church volunteers, **Wed, Jun 25th**, to make & serve meals. Email Maureen Chandler (maureenLchandler@comcast.net) for info.

Mary Jo Blazek is Now Our Nursery Supervisor - Mary Jo has taken over for the departing Liliana Borda. Mary Jo started a few weeks ago and has plans to make the nursery fun for all.

One thing she would like to have in the nursery is an up-to-date TV, meaning a newer Smart TV capable of streaming the worship service each Sunday. This way, Mary Jo and her volunteers won't miss the service! If you have a smart TV to donate, contact Jeff Mattan (jmattan@gmail.com).

Also, to stay current with our Safe Church rules, we need 2 adults working in the nursery, Mary Jo and 1 volunteer. If you can occasionally, or regularly volunteer, please contact Mary Jo (maryjo1037@aol.com). Volunteers will need Safe Church training and fingerprinting; all info will be provided by the office.

Scholarships Available from PW's Hudspeth Trust, is for undergraduate college-bound students. Email (officemanager@stonechurch.org) for an application. For questions, please contact Nanci Eksterowicz (nancigrace@comcast.net, 408.887.2965). **Application deadline is July 1, 2025.** Mail completed application to *PW Stone Church, Scholarships, 1937 Lincoln Ave, San Jose 95125, post marked by July 1, 2025*, or email to nancigrace@comcast.net by July 1, 2025.

June 8 – 15, 2025

Sunday (6/8)

9:30 - 10:30am	Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - SH
11am - 12pm	Adult Ed - Fireside Room
2 - 4pm	Youth Group - Swim Party

Monday (6/9)

7 - 9pm	PW Sapphire Circle
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Tuesday (6/10)

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

Wednesday (6/11)

Thursday (6/12)

9:30am - 12pm	PWCT - Conf.Room
7 - 9pm	MSC2 - Conf.Room

Friday (6/13)

9:30 - 11am	Caregivers' Support -
Conf.Room	
1:30 - 4pm	Liturgical Arts - Room 1

Saturday (6/14)

12 - 2pm	PW Picnic - Maureen Searing's
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Next Sunday (6/15)

9:30 - 10:30am	Father's Day
10:30 - 11am	Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am	Congregational Meeting - SA
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship – SH

JUNE Anniversaries- Susan & Charlie Bedolla (6/11/99); Diane & Glen Van Den Bosch (6/11/77); Mary Jo & John Blazek (6/12/82); Maureen Ryan & Michael Donald (6/13/98); Mary Stone & Craig Bowers (6/15/85); Claire & Bill Ribble (6/18/66); Alice & Brian McNelis (6/22/91); Gary & Shirley Keller (6/30/63).

JUNE Birthdays - (2nd) Isabel Jaffer; (3rd) Glenn Van Den Bosch; (6th) Darrin Johnson, Jillian Ritchie; (12th) Nana oye Botchway; (13th) Matt Marcotte & Janice McClure; (17th) Eden Lee; (19th) Julia Lohman; Rev. David McCreath; (20th) Bill Raby-Brown; (22nd) Ronni Pahl; (23rd) Alice Bailey, Carrie Giorgianni, Anne Towler; (26th) Bob Fraser; (27th) Brian McNelis; (29th) Stephanie Easton.

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