



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

**September 25, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.
16th 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.*

Chimes

Prelude

“Praeludium in C”

*Johann Christoph Kellner (1736-1803)
Barbara Vella, Organist*

Introit

“Sing to the Lord a New Song”

*Randy Edwards
Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

Welcome

The Rev. Evie Macway

Call to Worship

Rich or poor,

In spirit or wealth;

Healthy or ill,

In body or soul;

Satiated or hungry,

In heart or mind;

We come to cool our tongues with the living water of Christ.

**We come to feel the warm welcoming of God, to hear the words of hope, and to
worship in thanksgiving and in praise.**

Emily Meacham, Liturgist

***Opening Hymn #244** *“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”*

1
*Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

2
*God, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

3
*All things living God does feed;
with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

4
*Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Call to Confession *(Isaac Pennington, from Devotional Classics by Richard Foster)*

“Friends, our life is love and peace and tenderness. We are called to bear one another’s burdens, forgive one another, and never judge or accuse one another.” Let us go to God in confession.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that often our lives are not, “love and peace and tenderness.”

We find it difficult to reach out to those in need and our peacefulness is crowded out by our anxiety.

We want to live with patience and gentleness and a love that reaches out to people around us, but so often we find it difficult to do.

Forgive us when our neglect or our actions bring suffering instead of life.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon *(1 Timothy 1:1-15)*

Fred Oliver, Worship Assistant

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

Jesus Christ came into the world for us, that we might know God’s grace and love for us. Through Christ we can live in love and peace and tenderness. Let us live in God’s forgiving grace today.

Gloria #576

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.

Please remain seated and greet folks seated around you with a sign of peace.

Moment for Refugee Housing

*Debbie Michels, Refugee Resettlement Housing Coordinator;
Jewish Family Service of Silicon Valley*

We Listen To God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (O.T., p. 548)*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Anthem

"When the Stars Are Gone"

Henry Mollicone

Children's Sermon

(Children dismissed to church school)

Rev. Evie Macway

Gospel Lesson *Luke 16:19-31 (N.T., p. 79)*

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."'

Sermon

"Now is the Time"

Rev. Evie Macway

We Respond to the Good News

Choral Response *"Poor Man Lazarus"*

*Jester Hairston
Tenors and Basses of Stone Choir*

Call for the Offering

Offertory *"Alla Sarabanda, from the Phantasy Quintet for Strings"*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

***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 for Morning Offering and Peace and Global Witness Offering

Honoring Roycott Workers

Rhonda Lakatos & Bill Ribble

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 #356 *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

*1
Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.*

*2
Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.*

*3
Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *"Promenade from 'Pictures at an Exhibition'"*

Modest Mussorgsky (1839-1881)

*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.*

Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**.

Thank You...

ASL ~ Hannah Davis

Sound ~ Steve Nelson

Greeter ~ Donna Erickson

Zoom ~ Emily Macway

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.

This month, the **Budget and Finance Committee** and friends are serving coffee and refreshments after worship. Everyone is invited!

Membership Inquiry Luncheons: Mar & Nov
Contact evie_macway@stonechurch.org

Welcome Guests and Visitors! We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship 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 for ages 0-up during Adult Ed study classes (11-Noon).

Children's Sunday School – Children attend worship with their families, and then leave for classes after the children's sermon. Please pick up preschool children from Room A at 10:50. All other children will be re-leased at that time as well. Children's Classes are located east of the Social Hall, near the restrooms (Fireside & Preschool Rooms).

The Session of the Church has called a **congregational meeting** for **next Sun, Oct 2nd** immediately following worship. The purposes of the meeting are to:

- 1) Change the Stone Church by laws to reflect the wording the PCUSA Book of Order regarding the election and make-up of the congregation's nominating committee. Changes to the bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.
- 2) Elect members of the nominating committee for the classes of 2023 and 2024.

Details regarding these two motions can be found on our website (stonechurch.org/Who We Are/Leadership) or <https://bit.ly/3f8tKeu>.

The Retable Floral Arrangements are placed by the Worship Committee to continue the celebration of the Stone Church 75th anniversary.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering, will be taken **today**. Please use the envelope provided in the bulletin, or write *Peace offering* on the memo line of your check. This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

Roycott House Blessing & Walk Through – Immediately following worship **today** will be a last opportunity to see how the Roycott house looks after its many repairs and our donations of furniture and home goods. As of Oct 1st, this house (behind the church) will begin housing a refugee family from Afghanistan, so before the family moves in, the Rev. Evie Macway will lead us in a house blessing for its new purpose. We'll walk over and back in time for the Adult Ed Class (see below).

Adult Ed Class (11am SA) – **Refugee Resettlement with Jewish Family Services of Silicon**

Valley. JFSSV provides refugee resettlement and acculturation services for families and individuals in Santa Clara County, serving clients without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. **Debbie Michels** will describe their programs and answer questions about the resettlement process and the family who'll be renting Roycott House beginning Oct 1st. **Robin Feinman-Marino**, Volunteer Coordinator, will tell about JFSSV volunteer opportunities (below). To volunteer or for more info, go to www.jfssv.org.

- **Refugee Support** - The JFS SV resettlement program supports refugees from around the world who are starting new lives here in the Bay Area, specifically in Santa Clara and Alameda Counties. Volunteers work side-by-side with JFS SV staff to help our refugee clients in a variety of ways.
- **ESLTutoring** - Experienced ESL teachers are needed to volunteer in our classroom, and who can commit a minimum of 1-2 hours per week for at least six months to work with beginning ESL students.
- **Career Mentors** - Our refugee clients have all levels of education and work experience in other countries and need guidance in finding their first U.S. job opportunities that fit with their backgrounds.

- **Drivers/Mass Transit** - Volunteer drivers are needed to help transport refugees to their medical, job interview and other appointments. Drivers must have a clean driving record and a car in good working order. Clients also need to learn how to use local mass transit.
- **Movers** - JFS SV provides all essential household goods and furniture to refugees when they move into their first permanent housing in the U.S. Volunteers are needed to help load furniture into U-Hauls, unload and move items into the new housing, and pick up and deliver donated items on weekdays and weekends.
- **Host Collection Drives** - Volunteers can host events to collect needed items for refugees, including toiletries, laundry detergent, Target gift cards and household items.
- **Donate!** - Contribute to the [Ruth Perkins Emergency Fund for Refugees](#).

Youth Group – Tonight (5-7pm) our youth will play Capture the Flag with another youth group at Hogue Park (Twilight Drive & White Oaks Avenue). Food provided! Bring water bottles & running shoes! All 6th - 12th graders are welcome! Friends welcome! For more info, email Kathleen Oliver (koliver_2002@yahoo.com)

Human Trafficking Action Stand - Since 2016, a faithful group of folks have spent one-hour a month standing on Lincoln Ave. with signs calling attention to human trafficking. Human trafficking is the recruitment, transport, or transfer of persons using force, fraud, or coercion to exploit them for acts of labor or sex. It is a form of modern-day slavery and California consistently has the highest human trafficking rates with 1,224 cases reported in 2020 and 1,507 cases reported in 2019. With our “stand” and our signs, we are calling attention to this tragedy that occurs even here in the city in which we live. If this issue speaks to you, please join us as we take our “stand” **tomorrow, Mon, Sep 26th** (meet on the church patio at 8:15 a.m.). Signs and brochures are provided. Questions? Contact Claudia Hamm (jnchamm@gmail.com).

The Great Stone Swap Meet – Following worship **next Sun, Oct 2nd**, we’ll host a swap meet. You’re invited to be a good steward and reduce, reuse and recycle! Clean out your closets, kitchen and garage and offer items to your fellow Stone members – Take what you want - no charge! A perfect time to donate old Halloween costumes, toys, clothes and gently used household items. **Bring your items to church on Sat, Oct 1st (between 1-4pm)**, and we will sort and organize them for the swap on Sunday. If you have a large item, bring a picture with your name and phone number and interested people will contact you. Give away your old things and get some “new to you” things in the bargain! All leftover items will be taken to a local donation site. Questions, call Glenda Bowman (408-506-9442).

Meet International Peacemaker, the Rev. Julie Kandema - Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos (16575 Shannon Rd, LG) will host the Rev. Kandema in PCLG’s Fellowship Hall; **Thurs, Oct 6th** (10 – 11:30 a.m.). All are welcome

The Rev. Julie Kandema, of the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda, one of 10 peacemakers from around the world, will be visiting churches in the Presbytery in early October. There will be an opportunity to hear her speak about the process of rebuilding and reuniting Rwandans following the genocide by the Hutu people against the minority Tutsi people in 1994.

Rev. Julie Kandema – RWANDA is an ordained Minister from the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda. Since 2014 she has served as Vice President and deputy legal representative for the denomination. She leads the church program in charge of Church Growth, supervising church activities related to evangelization, women and youth activities, deacons and Sunday School. She serves on a variety of commissions for peace building at the national and international levels. As Vice President of the Interfaith Platform for Dignity and Peace, she organizes inter-religious dialogues and other activities on peace and reconciliation. She looks forward to sharing with the Presbyterian Church (USA) her experience of the genocide against the Tutsi people of Rwanda in 1994. She will also share the efforts of the church in post-genocide Rwanda and the work done by different categories of people, particularly women and youth, to bring about true reconciliation and development in Rwanda.

Are you a “sew-er”? If so, sewing *Little Dresses for Africa* is for you. *Little Dresses for Africa* is a 501c3 Christian organization that provides relief to children in Africa where the dresses are distributed through orphanages, schools, and churches, to plant in the hearts of the girls that they are worthy. “Sew-ers” will work on the dresses at home and bring them to the church office **on or before Mon, Oct 17th**. If you’ve participated before, you know how to make these simple cotton peasant-style elastic neck dresses. If you are a first-timer, please contact Claudia Hamm (jnchamm@gmail.com, 408-356-6665) and she will see that you receive the

pattern; sew-ers provide their own fabric and sewing supplies. Contact Claudia if you have any questions. Happy sewing!

New members: Your Name Tags Are Ready – Name tags have been made for all new members who joined the church in the last three years. They're on the banner in the Narthex and you're encouraged to pick up your name tag each Sunday and replace it when you leave. We want to get to know you! For members who have misplaced their name tags over the years, contact Barbara Krause (bkrause90@gmail.com) with your name, the year you joined Stone and any past/present Deacon and Elder positions and we'll make a replacement one for you later this fall. Please send this information by Sun Oct 30th.

Community Volunteering – M & C created a poster (located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the social hall) that lists some of the volunteering that others in our church community are doing to help their fellow man. Take a look, get some ideas, and/or write down what you are doing.

'Weekly Update' - A Time for Change – Fred Oliver's weekly email will take on a new look and feel. After years of it being an online vehicle to provide an early look at the upcoming worship services and giving a recap of the bulletin notices in advance, it will now change a focus on our community. It'll still include a link to the online bulletin and announcements (which can also be found on our website on Friday's), but it'll also give a different perspective as to who and what we are as the people of the Stone Church Community, serving Christ and the people around us as we move through our lives. It'll take time to gather momentum and the format and layout may change now and again, but the content will be an interesting look at our congregation, the church, and our community! As always, your thoughts, opinions, and prayers are always welcome via email to fredoliver@aol.com.

September 25 – October 2, 2022

Sunday (9/25) Mary Jo off thru 10/5
8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA
9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio
10:30 - 11am Roycott House Blessing - RH
10:45 - 11:45am PNC - Gazebo
11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom
11am - 12pm Stewardship Mtg - Room 1
5 - 7pm Youth Group - Houge Park

Monday (9/26)
4 - 7:30pm Vivace (Primo/Treble) - SH
6 - 8pm Vivace (Treble) - SA

Tuesday (9/27)
7 - 8:30pm Deacons - Zoom

Wednesday (9/28)
4:15 - 6:45pm Vivace - SH
7:30 - 9pm Choir Practice - SH

Thursday (9/29)
6 - 8pm Vivace (SATB) - SA
6 - 7:30pm Vivace (SATB) - SH

Friday (9/30)

Saturday (10/1)
1 - 4pm Swap Meet items accepted - SH

Next Sunday (10/2) Mary Jo off thru 10/5
8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA
9:30 - 10:30am Worship & Com'u'n - SA & Zoom
10:30 Congregational Meeting
10:30 - 11:15am M&C Swap Meet - Patio
10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio
10:45 - 11:45am PNC - Gazebo
11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom
11am - 12pm Stewardship Mtg - Room 1

SEPTEMBER Birthdays: (2nd) Mary Anne Williams; (3rd) Wynn Barnes; (8th) Darline Lohman; (9th) Tracy Rydel; (10th) Michele Smith & Samantha Blodgett; (11th) Carl Blackwood; (12th) Jim Hamm; (13th) Brandon Walters; (16th) Mary-Stone Bowers; (17th) Katie Senigaglia; (19th) George Erickson, Art Holtz, Maureen Searing & Barbara Vella; (20th) Virginia Holtz; (21st) Donna Bell; (22nd) Carol Johnson Fritz; (25th) Nancy Hopson; (29th) Mary Johnson & Michael Wheatley; (30th) Sue Evans, Mel Goertz, Salese Kanter & Ginger Lubecke.

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries: Jan & Jerry Keifer (9/13/1958); Sue & Doug Williams (9/14/1968); Ida & Bruce Raby (9/18/1954); Kim & Jeff Mattan (9/21/2007); Catherine & Andrew Edwards (9/23/1990)

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