

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

> June 22, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. 2nd 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

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750) Barbara Vella, Organist

Rev. Fred Harrell Charlotte Dickson, Liturgist

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The Lord is our Shepherd.

We shall not want.

God makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us beside still waters.

God restores our souls and leads us in right paths.

Even when we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil.

For God is with us. Let us worship our Shepherd with trust, with hope, and with hearts open to grace.

*Opening Hymn #39 "Great is Thy Faithfu	lness"
1 Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.	2 Summer and winter, And springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness Blessings all mine, With ten thousand beside! (Refrain)
(Refrain) Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning, new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!	3 Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine,

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Even as we trust in the Shepherd's care, we know we stray. We try to go our own way. We forget to rest. We give in to fear and scarcity. Let us return to the One who leads us in love. Let us confess our sin together.

With ten thousand beside!(Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

Shepherding God, We confess that we have wandered. We've chased false promises and forgotten your provision. We have chosen fear over faith, striving over stillness, and control over trust. We have ignored the needs of our neighbors and neglected the needs of our own souls.

Forgive us. Restore us. Lead us back to paths of justice and peace, that we may live as your beloved flock—cared for and caring for others. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Friends in Christ, hear the good news: God's mercy is not hesitant. It pursues us. It embraces us. It restores us. Even in the valley, grace finds us. Even now, you are forgiven, loved, 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 #802

1

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

2

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth. 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

We Listen to God's Word

The First Lesson

John 10:11-18 (N.T., p. 103)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Anthem

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

William Bradbury, arr. Gary Lanier Laraine Pitcher, flute; Joanne Vliet, clarinet

The Second Lesson

Psalm 23 (O.T., p. 501)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Sermon

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

The Shepherd prepares a table for us, even in the midst of hardship. Our cup overflows—not because we have all things, but because we are held in divine love. Let us respond with gratitude, giving not out of pressure but from the abundance of God's care.

Offertory

"2-Part Invention"

J. S. Bach Shenshen Zhang, Pipa; Barbara Vella, piano

*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 meet us in green pastures and shadowed valleys alike. Take these gifts, and use them to comfort the hurting, nourish the hungry, and guide your people in the paths of love. May our giving reflect your goodness and mercy that follow us all our days. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

1

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head. 3

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

"Then Sings My Soul" Trad. Swedish Folk Melody

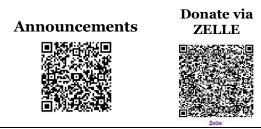
arr. By Gary Lanier Laraine Pitcher, flute; Joanne Vliet, clarinet

Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.

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

Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**. Many of this summer's bulletin covers will feature pieces from Lyn Johnson's 'Numbers' series, which often references the number three—a symbol of the Trinity. This week, a Coptic 3

ASL Interpreter - Hannah Sullivan



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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.

Announcements

<u>Welcome Guests and Visitors!</u> 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 aged 0-3.

<u>Children</u> are always welcome in worship! For their enjoyment, there are activity boxes in the Narthex (entry way) for them to use during worship. If you'd like to be notified of any upcoming children's events during the summer, email <u>childrensministry@stonechurch.org</u> and ask Amber to add you to her email list.

<u>Today the (Roaming) SJ Presbytery Unity Candle</u> is at <u>Westhope-Saratoga</u> (Rev. Erik Swanson). Please pray for all God's people in this congregation.

<u>The Flowers in the Chancel</u> are given by Claudia Hamm in memory of The Rev. Dr. Robert S. Bowles, pastor, mentor and friend.

<u>The Narthex Flowers</u> are in honor of Parish Associate Rev. Dr. David McCreath's 90th birthday, June 19th.

<u>Cake</u> - Join David and his family after worship to enjoy a slice of birthday cake. Happy Birthday, David!

On Summer Hiatus - Adult Ed, the Choir, and Children's Church School will all return September 14th.

<u>Summer Psalm Series</u> - The Psalms are the ancient prayer book of God's people—raw, poetic, defiant, and tender. Across centuries, they have helped people express joy, grief, anger, trust, and awe.

This summer at Stone Church, we'll journey through nine powerful psalms that speak to our real lives: offering comfort, courage, honesty, and hope.

<u>Loaves and Fishes</u> – Join Stone Church volunteers **this coming Wed, Jun 25**th, to make & serve meals. Email Maureen Chandler (<u>maureenLchandler@comcast.net</u>)

<u>Women's Retreat Meeting Today</u> - If you are interested in helping with next year's retreat, stop by Jennifer's (1523 Edgewood Way), today around 11am (or whenever you are done with coffee hour) for a lunch meeting. We'll talk about this year's event and make plans for our 2026 retreat. We'd love to have all ages on our planning committee (ages 18 and up). *Coming to the meeting doesn't commit you to being on the committee; we'd still like your input.*

Liturgical Season - Although the liturgical season of Green for Ordinary Time began on June 9th (the day after Pente-cost) today is the first *Sunday* for the change of color in Church paraments and decor since we observed Trinity Sunday (White) last week.

Our Liturgical Arts group is proud to share their latest creation----the green hanging on the front wall of the sanctuary. Almost entirely assembled from remnants of previous projects, look for familiar patterns, including those used for choir stoles and the Six Great Ends of the Church banners on the back wall. The two-sided green hangings on the side walls highlight Paul's letter to the Galatians (5:22-23). By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such a thing.

Prayer Shawl Group meets the 4th Saturday each month at 1 pm, so it's **this coming Sat, Jun 28th**. Come if you are interested in knitting, crocheting, or come to socialize and see what others are creating. Contact Ginny Barret for details (<u>ginnybarret@gmail.com</u>).

'Pack a Back' - StoneWorks Mission Team is once again supporting Sacred Heart Community Services' back-to-school supplies drive, *'Pack a Back'*. You can give to SHCS via this link: <u>https://www.sacredheartcs.org/pab-2025</u>.

Cash and back packs are what they need; use the <u>Amazon link</u> for specific items. Stone Church has always been eager to support our local community and has been very generous in doing so! We are certain you will find this a worthwhile place to donate your resources. If you have any questions or need help donating, contact Maureen Chandler <u>maureenlchandler@comcast.net</u> or (408) 410-4619.

<u>Scholarships Available</u> from PW's Hudspeth Trust are for undergraduate college-bound students. For an application. email (<u>officemanager@stonechurch.org</u>) For questions, contact Nanci Eksterowicz at <u>nancigrace@comcast.net</u> or (408) 887-2965. **Application deadline is Tue, July 1**st. Mail completed application to *PW Stone Church Scholar-ships, 1937 Lincoln Ave, San Jose 95125*, **post marked by July 1**st, or email to <u>nancigrace@comcast.net</u> by July 1st.

<u>Men's Retreat</u> – There is interest, and plans are in the works for a Men's Retreat next fall. If you haven't yet given your input <u>please complete this survey</u> from Rev. Harrell. Even if you aren't interested, he'd like to hear from you. This'll give an idea of what is possible in the future.

Camping-Themed VCS - Our first ever OVERNIGHT VCS will be Fri, Sep 5th (5pm) through to Sat, Sep 6th (3pm)! We'll have dinner, campfire, games, a sleep-over, breakfast, and a day of fun-filled activities on Saturday.

We are looking for campers, as well as teen and adult helpers. Please come and participate in whatever portion of the night & day as you can. 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. Click here for a registration form, or pick one up in the Church Office, or email Amber at (childrensministry@stonechurch.org).

Thank You Elders and Deacons Class of 2025

Deacons – Gail Chaid, *Sheri Cunningham, Angie David-son, *Janice Goertz, Chris Nilson, Laraine Pitcher. Elders – Jeremy Easton, Jeff, Mattan. Nominating Committee – Derk Johnson, Lizanne Oliver, Susan Bedolla.

June 30th ends their 3-year term of service (2-years for Nom Com). Please thank them for the work they've done so graciously for our church community! In July we will wel-come the new slate, Class of 2028!

*Sheri (will be a Deacon) & Janice (will be on the Nominating Committee) have signed up for new terms starting in July.

Sunday	(6/22)	

Worship - SA & Zoom Coffee Fellowship - SH Wmn's Ret. Mtg - Jennifer's

June 22 – 29, 2025

Monday (6/23)

9:30 - 10:30am

10:30 - 11am

11am - 1pm

House

Tuesday (6/24)

11am - 2:30pm	Library Work - Conf.Room
7 - 8:30pm	Deacons - Conf.Room

Wednesday (6/25)

Thursday (6/26)	
7 - 9pm	MSC2 - Conf.Room

Friday (6/27) 10 - 11:30am Caregivers' Support - CR

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday (6/28)

1 - 3pm

Next Sunday (6/29)

9:30 - 10:30am	Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - SH
2 - 3pm	Logothetti Memorial - SA

JUNE Birthdays - (2nd) Isabel Jaffer; (3rd) Glenn Van Den Bosch; (6th) Darrin Johnson, Jillian Ritchie; (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.

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).

Th	The Elders of the Session				
Clerk of Session ~ Deborah Crim (debcrim@pacbell.net)					
Class of 2025	Class of 2026		Class of 2027		
Jeremy Easton	Mauree		Judi Kaiser		
Jeff Mattan	Chandl	er	Jodi Lax		
	Ruth McC	reath	Matthew Marcotte		
	Steve Ne	lson	Marsha Wadley		
	Stan Sea	ring			
	Caryl West	erberg			
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Moderator ~ Janice Goertz (janicegoertz@gmail.com)					
<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2</u>	026	<u>Class of 2027</u>		
Gail Chaid	Neil Coleman		Mary Jo Blazek		
Sheri Cunningham	Marta Espinal		Jim Hagan		
Janice Goertz	Kerry House-		Mary Ann Hudson		
Chris Nilson	Nelson		Jenny Pichon		
Laraine Pitcher	Karen Wessels		Dorothy Rowe		
Nominating Committee					
Chair ~ Ruth McCreath (rdmccreath@aol.com)					
Class of 2	Class of 2025		Class of 2026		
Derk Johnson		Jim Hagan			
Lizanne Oliver			Guy Lohman		
Susan Be	edolla		Michele Smith		

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