



MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

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

**October 2, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.
World Communion Sunday**

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 *“Woodland Flute Call”* *Fannie Charles Dillon (1881-1947)*
Barbara Vella, Organist

Introit *“Yanaway Heyona” Traditional Iroquois* *Arr. by Brian Tate*
Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement *Rev. Evie Macway, Interim Pastor and Rosaleen Zisch*

Call to Worship *(From PCUSA Call to Worship)*
With endless creativity,
God forms and shapes our lives.
Each of us bears the image of our maker.
Each of us is made in love.

***Opening Hymn #386** *“O for a World”*

1
O for a world where everyone respects
each other’s ways, where love is lived and
all is done with justice and with praise.

3
We welcome one world family and
struggle with each choice that opens us to
unity and gives our vision voice.

2
O for a world where goods are shared and
misery relieved, where truth is spoken,
children spared, Equality achieved

4
The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; Outcasts belong, who
perishes will rise.

Call to Confession (Luke 17:6)

*“If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”
Let us go to God in confession.*

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you seek to grow new things within us.

Yet we confess we often don’t give you much to work with.

Our seeds of faith are parched by disappointment, heartache, fear.

Hope is hard to muster, and love is risky.

We confess the times we have seen injustice and done nothing. When we have heard your call and not listened.

Stir us, empower us, redeem us, so that we might reach to you and grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon (From Lamentations 3:22; 2 Timothy 1:9-10)

Emily Meacham, Worship Assistant

*Through the steadfast love and endless mercy of God, we are saved, not according to our works, but according to God’s purpose and grace - grace revealed through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!*

Let us grow and bear fruit in this grace.

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 Mission

Derk Johnson, Stewardship

We Listen To God’s Word

The First Lesson

Lamentations 3:19-26 (O.T., p. 766)

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Anthem

“Tunaomba ungu atawale”

John Paradowski

The Second Lesson

Luke 17:5-10 (N.T., p 80)

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you

may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

Communion Meditation

"The Economy of Faith"

Rev. Evie Macway

We Respond to the Good News

Prayers of the People

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Folktune"

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

***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

"Here in This Place"

#401 Glory to God Hymnal

1

*Here in this place new light is streaming Now
is the darkness vanished away See in this
space our fears and our dreamings Brought
here to you in the light of this day Gather us
in, the lost and forsaken Gather us in, the
blind and the lame Call to us now and we shall
awaken We shall arise at the sound of our
name*

2

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery We
are the old who yearn for your face We have
been sung throughout all of history Called to
be light to the whole human race Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty Gather us in, the
proud and the strong Give us a heart so meek
and so lowly Give us the courage to enter the
song*

3

*Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your
daughters Call us anew to be salt for the
earth Give us to drink the wine of
compassion Give us to eat the bread that is
you Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true*

4

*Not in the dark of buildings confining Not in
some heaven light years away But here in
this place the new light is shining Now is the
kingdom, now is the day Gather us in and
hold us forever Gather us in and make us
your own Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones Fire of
love in our flesh and our bones*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Derk Johnson and Carrie Giorgianni, Communion Servers

Invitation to the Table (from PCUSA World Communion Resource)

In the early hours of the morning, while all was quiet and dark here at our home, the sun was rising on the other side of the world. And with the dawn of this new day, God's people began gathering for worship amid the sounds of drums or pipes, stringed instruments, or pianos and organs.

And now we, too, join in this worldwide chorus of those who call upon the name of the Lord.

On this World Communion Sunday we remember especially that the Scriptures are fulfilled as “People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.”

So let us come, not because we must, but because we may. Not because we are strong, but because we seek God’s strength.

All those who trust in Jesus are invited to come and join in the feast that God has prepared.

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

Great God of creation: From the soil of the earth, you have formed us in your image. We are a symphony of languages, a mosaic of customs, and a medley of flavors; we are your grand design and desire for humanity.

We remember that at creation, you brought life out of chaos and began the great act of salvation. You created a wild and beautiful world, drawing up mountains and laying out plains; a world dripping with humid jungle and scorched with parched desert.

You created a world of enough. You fed us manna and quail in the desert, bread and fish with leftovers at the seaside. By your Word, you fed us the bread of life and offered us living water. And in your presence at this table, we stand as recipients of these gracious acts of shalom.

You created a world of compassion. You mandated jubilee, calling your people to a life of generous commonality. You dared our enemies to throw stones if they could find no sin within. You hear our ugly thoughts and still call us beloved.

Great Spirit of life and unity: Through this simple meal, draw us together. Renew our minds, reframe our thoughts, and reorient our hearts to beat with the rhythm of our call to shalom-making.

And now as Christ has taught us, we pray together:

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.

Words of Institution

***Sharing the Bread & Cup**

Communion Anthem

“You Shall Have A Song”

*Harriet Ziegenhals
Laraine Pitcher, flute*

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, thank you for this meal shared in the Spirit with your Son, Jesus Christ.

As we are now fed with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, empower us through the Holy Spirit to do your will.

Strengthen us to work for bringing justice and peace into a hurting and broken world.

May we be your living presence for others to see. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

***Closing Hymn** "I Come with Joy" (see insert)

#515 Glory to God Hymnal

1
I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

4
The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us 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,
in Christ's communion bread.

5
Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

3
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

***Charge and Benediction** (from PCUSA Peacemaking Offering Resource)

Let us go forth into the world with the knowledge of who we are:

a child of God,

a guest at the Communion Table,

a peacemaker.

May the knowledge of who we are in God's sight sustain and challenge us as we journey from this place. Amen.

*Please remain seated; our congregational meeting will start soon.
Please review information below with the proposed bylaw changes.*

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

Thank You...

ASL ~ Hannah Davis

Sound ~ Caryl Westerberg

Deacon Greeters ~ Sheri Cunningham

Zoom ~ Desmond Hurley

Ushers ~ Deborah Crim, Jodi Lax

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 October, the **Membership & Communications 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 wor-ship, and for ages 0-up during Adult Ed study classes (11-Noon).

No Children's Sunday School Today – Children attend worship with their families for Communion.

Stone Church Welcomes All People to share in Holy Communion. Our tradition is to receive Communion by intinction. Process down the center aisle, take a piece of bread (pre-cut & gluten-free available), dip it in a chalice (amber liquid is grape juice and the purple is wine), then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Congregational Meeting immediately following worship **today**. The purposes of the meeting are to:

- 1) Change the Stone Church by laws (see info below). 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.
(Class of 2024) - Carrie Giorgianni (Chairperson), Janice Goertz (Deacon rep), Claudia Hamm, & Steve Nelson. (Class of 2023) - Alex Coleman (youth member), Marta Espinal, & Jody Meacham.

Rationale for By Law Changes October 2022

The PCUSA Book of Order regarding the congregational nominating committee:

G-2.0401 Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Ruling elders and deacons are men and women elected by the congregation from among its members. The nomination and election of ruling elders and deacons shall express the rich diversity of the congregation's membership and shall guarantee participation and inclusiveness (F-1.0403).

Ruling elders and deacons shall be nominated by a committee *elected by the congregation*, drawn from and representative of its membership.

Congregations may provide by their own rule for a congregational nominating committee. The rule shall meet the following criteria: **(1) the minimum size of the committee as specified in the rule shall be at least three persons; (2) at least one member of the committee shall be an elder currently serving on session; and (3) a majority of those persons on the committee who are eligible to vote shall consist of persons not currently serving on session.**

The pastor shall serve ex officio and without vote. When elections are held, full opportunity shall always be given to the congregation for nomination from the floor of the congregational meeting by any active member of the congregation. A majority of all the active members present and voting shall be required to elect.

CURRENT STONE CHURCH BY-LAWS

regarding the formation of a nominating committee

ARTICLE IV NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 1: To the extent possible given the independence of the organizations from which its members are chosen, the church Nominating Committee shall be representative of the active members of the church, giving fair representation to both men and women, persons of all age groups and of all racial/ethnic groups.

Section 2: The Nominating Committee shall be *chosen annually* and shall be composed of the following members:

- A. Two members shall be designated by the Session, one of whom shall currently serve on the Session and be Chair.
- B. One member shall be designated by and from the Board of Deacons for a one-year term.
- C. Other members, in sufficient number to constitute a majority of the committee, exclusive of the Pastor, shall be chosen in the following manner.
 - i. One member from each standing committee of the Session, excluding the Personnel and Administration Committee, whose charter limits its size and makeup, shall be elected to serve a one-year term.
 - ii. One member each from each of the following organizations shall be elected to serve a one-year term: Presbyterian Women of Stone Church, a youth member under the age of 25, and the Chancel Choir. None of these members may be in active service on the Session or the Board of Deacons.
- D. The Pastor shall serve ex-officio on the Nominating Committee, without vote.

Section 3: Persons on the Nominating Committee shall not serve more than three years consecutively. No person shall serve as a representative of more than one organization.

Section 4: The Nominating Committee shall be constituted to serve a one-year term, which shall run from July first to June thirtieth to coincide with the term of Session and its Committees. The members of the Nominating Committee shall be announced in the “Stone News.”

SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS:

Article IV below would replace the current
Article IV as printed above

ARTICLE IV NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 1: The membership of the church Nominating Committee shall give fair representation of the active members of the church.

Section 2: Members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected by the congregation annually to serve two-year terms. The committee shall consist of 7 members divided into two classes, three elected in one year and four in the next. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

- A. One elder currently serving on the Session shall be nominated by the Session to be the chair of the committee.
- B. One member of the committee shall be nominated by and from the Board of Deacons.
- C. The remaining members of the committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee with careful consideration of representation of the congregation.
- D. The Pastor shall serve ex-officio on the Nominating Committee, without vote.
- E. A majority of the persons serving on the committee shall consist of persons not currently serving on the Session.

The Great Stone Swap Meet TODAY - Following the congregational meeting, please browse through our swap meet items and take home new treasure(s)!

No Adult Ed Today – Here’s a look at the rest of October’s line-up: (10/9) League of Women Voters; (10/16) Sue Williams; and Oct 23rd Pauline Moore pre-sents *Effective Communication Strategies for Alzheimer’s Caregivers*.

Taize Service is **this Tue, Oct 4th**. Explore this time of quiet, music, scripture, and prayer. Sanctuary doors open at 6:30pm, service starts at 6:45pm.

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; **this coming Thu, Oct 6th** (10-11:30 am). All are welcome. Julie, from the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda, is one of 10 PC(USA) peacemakers from around the world, She’ll speak about the process of rebuilding and reuniting Rwandans following the genocide by the Hutu people against the minority Tutsi people in 1994.

Anointing ~ 2nd Sundays – Next week, Oct 9th after worship, there will be opportunity for individuals to have a moment of personal prayer and anointing. Anointing is an ancient practice that continues in today's churches, and was originally used to designate public leaders, such as kings, or used as part of a healing process for illnesses. The practice at Stone Church has been to use it as a symbol of God's grace.

Anointing is an act calling forth the Holy Spirit. It is not magic or mysterious, but a way of demonstrating the presence of God, of the desire of God that we find peace and comfort.

Youth Group – next Sun, Oct 9th (5-7pm) our youth will have a Campfire & Game Night! Sing-alongs and s'mores at church. Bring your own brown bag dinner! Snacks/drinks provided. All 6th - 12th graders are welcome! Friends welcome! For more info, email Kathleen Oliver (koliver_2002@yahoo.com)

Men's Mission 1-Day Work Trip is at Daybreak Camp in Felton, **Sat, Oct 15th**. All levels of skill needed; tasks unknown but it will be a fun day. Contact Leland Wong for info (hikingscco@gmail.com).

Ushering - There is a need one more usher for **Oct 16th** and 2 ushers for each Sunday of November and December (incl. Christmas Eve service and Christmas morning!). Ushering is a great way to be involved and it doesn't take very much time. Please email Jodi Lax (Jodi.d.lax@gmail.com) with dates you would be available. Thank you for helping!

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**. please contact Claudia Hamm (inchamm@gmail.com, 408-356-6665) for more information.

New members: Your Name Tags Are Ready – Name tags for members who joined the church in the last three years are available on the banner in the Narthex. Please wear them as we want to get to know you! For members who need a replacement name tag, contact Barbara Krause (bkrause90@gmail.com) by Oct. 30th 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.

75th Anniversary Art Show Nov 13th - Did you know that we have a world-renowned sculptor in our midst? We also have many quilters, crocheters, painters, and glass blowers in our congregation. What talent are you hiding from the rest of us?! Bring your art or craft to share with your church family on **Sun, Nov 13th** for an art show after worship. For more information, please contact Glenda Bowman (408-506-9442) or Carrie Giorgianni (408-203-8968). More details will be provided closer to the event.

'Weekly Update' - A Time for Change – Take a look at Fred Oliver's congregational email from last week. It is very different from years past. From now on his weekly email will show 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. If there is something you've been doing out in the community, or have friends or family visited from afar, have you gone on a trip or vacation? These are things Fred might like to include in the "Church Mouse." Contact him with the details (fredoliver@aol.com). Jennifer (in the office) will now send a weekly Friday email that will include a PDF version of the online worship bulletin. If you'd like to be added to our email list, send your contact information to office_manager@stonechurch.org.

October 2 – 9, 2022

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

Monday (10/3)
4 - 7:30pm Vivace (Primo/Treble) - SH
6 - 8pm Vivace (Treble) - SA
7:30pm B&F - Zoom

Tuesday (10/4)
6:45 - 7:30pm Taizé Service - SA
7:30pm B&G, CE, M&C, StoneWorks
- all separately on Zoom

Wednesday (10/5)
1 - 3pm Amethyst Circle Zoom
4:15 - 6:45pm Vivace - SH
7:30 - 9pm Choir Practice - SH

Thursday (10/6)
10 - 11am Emerald Circle - Zoom
6 - 8pm Vivace (SATB) - SA
6 - 7:30pm Vivace (SATB) - SH

Friday (10/7)
Saturday (10/8)
Next Sunday (10/9)
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 - Gazebo
11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom
11am - 12pm Stewardship Mtg - Room 1
5 - 7pm Y.Grp Campfire - SH etc.

OCTOBER Birthdays

(1st) Sarah Ciccarello; (2nd) Jeff Mattan & Elvet Moore;
(3rd) Wayne Martin & Diana Boydston; (7th) Suzy
Brooks, Shannon Bayatpur & Judi Kaiser; (8th) Jay
Evans; (13th) Catherine Edwards; (14th) Megan Ritchie;
(17th) Paul Viitanen; (20th) Sean Coleman & Christy
Wait; (21st) Martha Duke; (25th) Scott Nelson, & Jenny
Kromm; (26th) Alice McNelis & Katie Henry; (27th) Leila
Summers; (28th) Steve Ciccarello; (29th) Fred Oliver,
Nancy Shearer, & Amity Bateman; (30th) Claire Ribble

OCTOBER Anniversaries

Jody & Scott Salzer (10/9/2004); Bill & Mike Raby-
Brown (10/19/2013); Fran & Bob Cole (10/20/1979);
Nancy & Leroy Kromm (11/23/1982); Fran Basso &
Julia Kraemer (10/31/2014)

The Elders of the Session		
Clerk of Session ~ Deborah Crim		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bob Cole Derk Johnson Emily Meacham Nina Mundi Fred Oliver Kathy Stark	Fran Basso Carter Edwards Gary Fritz Meredith Hurley Barbara Krause Brad Tips	Jeremy Easton Donna Erickson Carrie Giorgianni Mel Goertz Chris Lee Jeff Mattan
The Board of Deacons		
Moderator ~ Angie Davidson		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Tim Collins Angie Davidson Nanci Eksterowicz Sue Evans Julia Kiplinger	Michele Edwards Morgan Lord Wendy Lord Kathleen Oliver Nancy Paul Jenny Pichon Maureen Searing Brandon Walters	Nancy Bell Gail Chaid Sheri Cunningham Janice Goertz Chris Nilson Laraine Pitcher

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