



“Hope” is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -

*From “Hope is the thing with feathers” by Emily Dickinson*

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

***May 15, 2022- 9:30 a.m. 5<sup>th</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**

“Rondeau”

*Henry Purcell (1659-95)  
Barbara Vella, Substitute Organist*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (from Seasons of the Spirit)

*Malia Clark, Liturgist*

*Imagine...*

**...a place where all are welcome and everyone hears the sound of their name.**

*Imagine...*

**...everyone having enough food and water and a home free of hatred and fear.**

*Imagine...*

**...a place where creativity is valued and the spirit is nurtured in love.**

*Imagine...*

**...just imagine...this is that place.**

**\*Opening Hymn #481**

*“Praise the Lord, God’s Glory Show”*

1  
*Praise the Lord, God’s glories show, Alleluia!  
Saints within God’s courts below, Alleluia!  
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!  
All that see and share God’s love. Alleluia!*

3  
*Praise the Lord, great mercies trace,  
Alleluia!  
Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!  
All that God for us has done, Alleluia!  
All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!*

2  
*Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!  
Tell the wonders, sing God’s worth, Alleluia!  
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!  
Praise God, praise forever more! Alleluia!*

**Call to Confession** (Revelation 21:1)

*“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”*

*Please join me in the responsive prayer of confession.*

**Prayer of Confession**

*We believe that the beginning was good as proclaimed in Genesis, “God saw everything that he had made and indeed, it was very good.” And we believe that the end will also be good as is written in the book of Revelation, “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.” Yet we know that this in between time in which we live is filled with much that is not good.*

**We find it difficult to imagine a world where peace and justice replace hatred and fear.**

*Where shouting and pointing fingers, gives way to dialogue and trust.*

**Forgive us when we are bearers of that which is not good in the world instead of the good we know in you.**

*May your grace and light that is the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega, shine through us in this in between time as well.*

**Silence**

**Assurance of Pardon** (based on Revelation 21:3)

*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee*

*“The home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God’s peoples, and God himself will be with them.” Behold! God is here, in our midst now, today, making all things new.*

**In Jesus Christ God comes among us. In Christ we are forgiven and have new life. Thanks be to God.**

**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.*

**We Listen To God’s Word**

**The First Lesson**

*Psalm 148*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!*

*Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!*

*Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.*

*Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!*

*Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!*

*Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!*

*Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!*

**Anthem**

*“The Lord's Prayer”*

*Kathy C. Bowen  
Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

**Children's Sermon**

*(Children are dismissed to church school)*

**The Second Lesson**

*Revelation 21:1-6*

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’*

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’*

**Sermon**

*Rev. Evie Macway*

**We Respond to the Good News**

**\*Hymn of Response #19**

*“God of Great and God of Small”*

1.  
*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to Your name.*

2.  
*God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour, Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to Your name.*

3.  
*God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to Your name.*

4.  
*God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before, God who reigns for evermore, Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to Your name.*

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Paraphrase on Suo Gan”*

*Hans-Andre Stamm (b. 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**

**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 #446**

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

1

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

3

*Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them when they pray.*

2

*See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"Toccata Giocosa"*

*Ian Hunt (b. 1971)*

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

**ASL Interpreter ~ Stephanie Foisy**

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## Insert Announcements

*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.*

The liturgist this morning is **Malia Clark**.

Today's Deacon greeter is **Sue Evans**.

This week's ushers include **Sue Evans** and **Jodi Lax**.

You are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship on the patio after the Worship service. During May, the **Stephen Ministers** and **Personnel & Administration Committee** and friends are serving coffee and refreshments.

Membership Inquiry Luncheons: Mar & Nov - Contact [irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@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. If you have children, they are welcome to worship with you for the entire service, or to join the other children during the Children's Sermon & Church School.

**We Welcome** the sound of any little ones during worship, but if your baby gets too wiggly for you, you may take them to the nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary & the Social Hall.

**The Retable Floral Arrangement** is placed by the Worship committee to honor the 94<sup>th</sup> birthday of Joan Helms. Happy Birthday, Joan!

**Banner** - The front wall of the sanctuary features #5 of the last of the Six Great Ends of the Church, Presbyterian U.S.A. banners, which the Liturgical Arts group recently completed: "*The Promotion of Social Righteousness*." The Holy Spirit, signified by the Dove (pictured in all six hangings), sits among the leaves, "and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations," (Revelation 22:2) and points to our concerns, clockwise from the Dove: income inequality, homelessness, voting rights, racial inequality, gender inequality, food insecurity, and health care. The sky, with its scales of justice, and the sun, as well as the stones on the ground (Stone Church!) signify our concern for the environment and lastly, the prophet's words are pictured by the horizontal blue patchwork: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream." (Amos 5:24)

**Adult Ed (Sanctuary, 11am)** - A bit over 40 years ago, Walter Brueggemann published a book asserting that the consumer culture of America is not Christian. The book, "The Prophetic Imagination," is still in print and a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition was put out by the publisher. Of course, such a premise is controversial, but it has gained quite a lot of support among preachers and theologians. Two Sunday classes (**today & May 22<sup>nd</sup>**), led by Jerry Keifer, will discuss the various aspects of Brueggemann's forcefully argued position.

**COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests** – Pick up some free tests; available in the Narthex, Social Hall, and in the office (M-F 9am - 1pm).

**Youth Group** meets **today** (5:30-7pm) outside on the front patio. We'll engage in a fun discussion topic and there will be pizza! In addition, for those youth who would like to help Pastor Irene plan for Youth Sunday, we'll meet earlier, at **4pm**; and if you'd like to be in the youth choir, please join us at 4pm as well! All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders welcomed! Contact Rev. Irene with questions or for more info via [irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org).

**Men's Book Group** meets **tomorrow, May 16<sup>th</sup>** (7 pm) on Zoom to discuss "Peeps" by Erin Gordon. All men are welcome; even if you haven't read it, come any-way, for the conversation.

**Seniors in Transition** meets **Thu, May, 19<sup>th</sup>** (11am) via Zoom (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). We'll continue to share stories of our lives. If you would like to receive a reminder about upcoming meetings, please contact Rev. Pak Lee ([Irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:Irene_pak@stonechurch.org)) and have your name added to the list. We hope you'll join us as we share and get to know one another more deeply! Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4645348883> - **Meeting ID: 464 534 8883**

**Graduate Recognition Sunday** – During worship on **Sun, Jun 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will recognize our 2022 High School and College graduates. If that's you (or your child or grandchild is graduating) and you'd like the information included in the insert, please provide graduate's name, school name, and their next step... (name of college, training program, job position, and major if known; or if college graduate, what is their degree, and what are they doing next?). Send info to Rev. Irene Pak Lee ([Irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:Irene_pak@stonechurch.org)) or the church office ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)).

**The Pentecost Offering**, one of the 4 PCUSA nation-wide special offerings, helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We will collect our special offering on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**Vacation Church School** is **July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>**, with **Sun, July 17<sup>th</sup>** as the VCS Worship service. This year's theme "On a Roll with God – a Food Truck Party." Mary Jo will send out sign-up info; you can also email her directly [maryjo\\_blazek@stonechurch.org](mailto:maryjo_blazek@stonechurch.org).

**Irene's Sabbatical** – Typically, pastors earn their 3-month sabbatical after 7 years of service; Irene earned that milestone 3 years ago! She has scheduled her time away as **Jul 31<sup>st</sup> – Oct 31<sup>st</sup>**, and she will preach that last Sunday before leaving, July 24<sup>th</sup>. While away she won't check email; Rev. Evie Macway will be here, and her door is always open. BTW, Irene will celebrate 10 years of working at Stone Church on August 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Westminster Woods Summer Camp 2022** Registration is open! This summer is not typical of years past regarding what they offer, but it will be a fresh start toward reinvigorating their ministry. Check their website ([westminsterwoods.org](http://westminsterwoods.org)) for summer camp schedule as well as summer staff positions available. If you have questions contact Ryan McKenzie ([ryan@westminsterwoods.org](mailto:ryan@westminsterwoods.org)).

**Hybrid Worship** – We'll continue in-person and Zoom/Facebook, and COVID protocols will remain, with limited capacity and indoor masks. If you are able, please sign up for in-person services with this link: <https://rsvp.church/r/G6MPyS7U>

**Ushers Needed** – We need ushers for upcoming Sundays. Contact Jodi Lax ([jodi.d.lax@gmail.com](mailto:jodi.d.lax@gmail.com)) if you are available. Training can be done the morning of the service; it is easy and fun!

**MAY Birthdays** (2<sup>nd</sup>) Nanci Eksterowicz, Kelsey McDaid; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Marshall Sandoval-Clark; (4<sup>th</sup>) Paul Kanter; (6<sup>th</sup>) Emily Meacham; (7<sup>th</sup>) Emma Brand, Chris Nilson; (8<sup>th</sup>) Lyn Johnson; (9<sup>th</sup>) Barbara Krause; (10<sup>th</sup>) Emiko Easton (11<sup>th</sup>) Glenda Bowman; (13<sup>th</sup>) Julia Kraemer; (14<sup>th</sup>) Jason Leibowitz; (15<sup>th</sup>) Kerry House-Nelson; (16<sup>th</sup>) Lionel Predium; (18<sup>th</sup>) Derk Johnson, Ruth McCreath & Josh

Stevens; (19<sup>th</sup>) Maureen Chandler; (21<sup>st</sup>) Jocelyn De Gance, Joan Helms, Virginia Thibeaux & Rosaleen Zisch; (22<sup>nd</sup>) Leta Leggitt & Kaiyo Easton; (26<sup>th</sup>) Peggy Spool; (28<sup>th</sup>) Irene Pak-Lee; (30<sup>th</sup>) Catherine Othick.

**MAY Anniversaries** June & Ed Tablak (5/3/45); Jennifer Scott-Brand & Jeff Brand (5/23/92); Deborah Crim & Walter Hudson (5/28/72); Rhonda & Bill Lakatos (5/29/71)

# Calendar

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## May 15 – 22, 2022

### Sunday (5/15)

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom

### Monday (5/16)

2:30pm PW Book Group #2 - Zoom  
 4 - 6pm Vivace (Prep A&B) - SH  
 6 - 8pm Vivace - SA  
 6:30 - 8pm Vivace (Ensemble) - SH  
 7pm Men's Book Group - Zoom

### Tuesday (5/17)

7pm Session - Zoom

### Wednesday (5/18)

4:15 - 6:45pm Vivace (Int A&B) - SH  
 7:30 - 9pm Chancel Choir Practice - SH

### Thursday (5/19)

11am - 12pm S.I.T. - Zoom  
 3 - 5:45pm Stephen Ministers - SH  
 6 - 8pm Vivace (Ensemble) - SH/SA

### Friday (5/20)

### Saturday (5/21)

### Next Sunday (5/22)

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice -SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom  
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - SA & Zoom

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