

# **Welcome to the historic Stone Church!**



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**Thank You for helping with the service today  
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## **Prelude**

## **Ringling of the Church Bell**

## **Announcements**

### **Prayer & Confession** *(written by Lloyd Vix)*

**Thank you God for the stillness of the early morning.**

**For the sunrise symbolizing one more of your precious days.**

**Thank you for the strength to rise this day.**

**Remove my guilt as I confess my sins**

**requesting forgiveness that I may have everlasting life.**

**In your holy name I pray. Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn #413 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!” vs. 1&4**

1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God

Almighty! Early in the morning our  
song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in  
earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **Reading: Romans 5:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: 8**

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: John 16:12-15**

P: The holy gospel according to John. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

**Hymn of the Day “Earth & All Stars” (Coulee Version) vs 1,2&5**

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise God with a new song!

2 Valleys and creeks! Loud flowing rivers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Cornfields and deer!  
Loud rumbling tractors!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise God with a new song!

5 10,000 lakes! Lefse and hotdish!  
Sing to the Lord a new song. Gophers and Twins!  
High-scoring Vikings!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise God with a new song!

**Apostle's Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

### **Caring Collection**

### **Offering Collection**

### **Offertory Hymn #512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace  
is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the  
stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it  
with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me  
on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my  
heart, Lord, let my heart be good  
soil.

## Words of Institution

### 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the  
glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen

### Invitation to Communion

*Pastor:* The Table is set. Who is Welcome?

*Congregation Response:* **All are welcome.**

**The Distribution (*Please sign the pew pad.*)**

**Communion Hymns: 471, 595, 773**

## **Sending Song ELW #414 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” vs. 1&2**

1 Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Tolling of the Church Bell** – The Church Bell is tolled nine times.  
Three for the Father, Three for the Son and Three for the Holy Spirit.

**Postlude**

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## **Summer Schedule for the Stone Church**

First Sundays of the month worship is followed by a meal.  
All other Sundays of the month coffee and cookies are served.  
First Sunday of the month Noisy Offering Collection.

### **Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> Worship 8:30 A.M. followed by Brunch.**

Please bring your favorite Brunch dish to share.

### **Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> Worship at 8:30 A.M. followed by Brunch.**

Please bring your favorite Brunch dish to share.

### **Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup> Worship at 8:30 A.M. followed by Car Show.**

Please bring salads, sandwiches & desserts to share.



