

# Stone Church & Cross of Christ Summer Worship

## Prelude

### GATHERING

The world belongs to the Lord,  
**the Earth and all people.**  
How good and how lovely it is  
**to live together in unity.**  
Love and faith come together,  
**justice and peace join hands.**  
If the Lord's disciples keep silent,  
**these stones would shout aloud.**  
Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouths shall proclaim your  
praise.**



### **HYMN #836** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround  
thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Holy God, maker of all,

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, redeemer and Savior,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

**Have mercy on us.**

Let us remember our own faults and failings.

**In the community of Christ's church and in the presence of all God's people, we confess to God that we have sinned in thought, Word and deed. We have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for God's pardon.**

God forgives you,

Christ walks with you and the Spirit renews you.

**Amen**

## **First Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

### **Gospel: John 20:19-23**

P: The holy gospel according to John.                    **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P: The gospel of the Lord.                    **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

### **Hymn ELW #824 "This Is My Father's World"**

1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so  
strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

**Prayers of Intercession:** Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**Offertory**

“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”

**ELW #182**

**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**

P: The Table is set. Who is welcome?

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

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

**Communion Hymns:** 891,879,848,838

## **SENDING**

Go forth in the grace of Christ.

**We rejoice in his grace.**

Go forth in the light of Christ.

**We walk in his light.**

Go forth in the love of Christ.

**We serve in his love.**

### **Hymn: ELW #890 “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory...*”**

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of  
the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where  
the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of  
his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

#### **Refrain**

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
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His truth is marching on.

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men  
before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him;  
be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **Refrain**

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was  
born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that  
transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us  
live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. **Refrain**

#### **Blessing**

May God, the font of all Wisdom,  
bless you and guide you this day and always.

**Amen**

God in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Liturgy by Wild Goose Worship Group A Wee Worship Book)*

**Postlude**

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We welcome you in Jesus' name to this Service of Worship. We pray that you will be blessed through the hearing of God's Word and our fellowship as people of faith. We are happy to have you with us today as we worship together!

**Prayer Requests;** Sara Griggs; Mary George's daughter Michelle & and son-in-law Bryce; Terri Peterson (Karyn Olson's daughter); the ongoing war in Ukraine.

## WELCA Trip to Vesterheim in June

On Thursday June 15 WELCA will be taking their first field trip of 2023. We will meet in the parking lot of Cross of Christ to carpool and depart at 9 a.m. for Decorah Iowa to visit Vesterheim, the premier Norwegian-American Museum in the US. Of special interest is the exhibit *Dolls: Playing with Identity* sponsored by MaryAnn Skifton Thurmer, former resident of Houston and member of Cross of Christ. MaryAnn will meet us there to talk about the exhibit. After our time at the museum we will have lunch in Decorah. Costs: Admission to the museum is \$10.00 for seniors or \$12.00 for non-seniors; and lunch which will be your choice at a restaurant MaryAnn suggests. All are welcome!! Please call Karen in the church office (896-3102) to register or sign up on the clip board at church in the Narthex. Deadline for registration is June 1, 2023. Please join us, it will be a fun day, emphasis on fun.

**Cross of Christ is partnering with  
Good Earth Village to provide  
VBS Day Camp 2023**

July 17, 2023 - July 20, 2023

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

For children entering Kindergarten - entering  
grade 6

At Cross of Christ Lutheran Church



AT CROSS OF CHRIST THIS WEEK: 5/28/23-6/4/23

TODAY: MAY 28th 8:30 Stone Church – 10:30 Cross of Christ Day of Pentecost Worship Services with Holy Communion/FB Live (8:30)

MONDAY: 7:00 Ruth's Circle at Lynn Meyer's home

TUESDAY:

WEDNESDAY: 11:00 Prayer Group

7:00 Baccalaureate (HHS)

THURSDAY:

FRIDAY: Pastor's Day Off

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY: JUNE 4th 8:30 Stone Church The Holy Trinity Worship with Holy Communion/Noisy Offering/FB Live

**Hog Roast**

**Bring a dish to pass side, salad or dessert.**

**Tours of the Historic Stone Church**

**WELCA Events:**

June 15 WELCA Trip to Vesterheim

**Looking Ahead.....**

June 10 Sherman Cole Memorial Service

June 12 & 13 Do Days

June 13 Executive Council Mtg.

**Area Events:**

June 24 Valley View Nursing Home Foundation 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction/Fundraiser (4:00 p.m.)