

Welcome to the historic Stone Church!



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Thank You for helping with the service today August 4, 2024.

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HERITAGE DAY Special Presentation following worship in the sanctuary will highlight the lives of some of our Stone Church Founders and Civil War Veterans who are buried in the cemetery.

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 #652 “Built on a Rock” vs. 1-3

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling; crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling--calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed, longing for life everlasting.

2 Surely, in temples made with hands God the Most High is not dwelling--high in the heav'ns his temple stands, all earthly temples

excelling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n above deigns to abide with us in love, making our bodies his temple.

3 Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace, blessings upon them bestowing.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when

he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Psalm 95

¹ O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Gospel: John 6:1-15 Boy with 5 loaves & 2 fish

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

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples,

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?

¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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

Sermon

Pastor Beth Stempinski

Hymn ELW #697 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

(Refrain)

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

2 Through this world of toil and
snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but
thee. **R**

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to
thee. **R**

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore,
to thy shore. **R**

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.**

Noisy Offering 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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 *Congregation Response:* All are welcome.

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

Communion Hymns: 515,629,654,789

Sending Song ELW# 785 “When Peace like a River”

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

**It is well
with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. **R**

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **R**

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. **R**

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

Tolling of the Church Bell

Postlude

WELCA Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social



Sunday, August 11, 2024, 2:00-4:00 pm At the Historic Stone Church, Hwy. 76, Houston Self-guided tours of the church! Come see Houston history and enjoy delicious pie and ice cream!
Drawing for beautiful sunflower quilt sponsored by the Caring Quilters of Cross of Christ!



September 1 CAR SHOW

Noisy Offering Collected During Worship
Drive your car or tractor
or ride your bike to church.
Bring sandwiches, salads,
or desserts to share.



Cookies & Coffee are served all other Sundays after church on the front sidewalk. Bring a plate of cookies to share for what we call *CookieLuck*.

