

Stone Church

Summer Worship

Prelude

GATHERING

The world belongs to the Lord,
the Earth and all its 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 #661 “I Love to Tell the Story”

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

***I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.***

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat

what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word.

Refrain

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

Refrain

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: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Psalm: Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you 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.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Sermon

Pastor Dana Jackson

Hymn ELW #774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine..."

1 What a fellowship, what a joy
divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is
mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

***Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.***

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this
pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from
day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

3 What have I to dread, what have I
to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord
so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

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

Words of Institution

Offertory

“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”

ELW #182

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: 838,824,820,818,807

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 #835 *“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”* vs 1,2&6

1 All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

Blessing

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

**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



We have a special request from the Food Shelf



**Please consider bringing cans of Fruit cocktail,
mandarin oranges and other fruits to the worship services
on June 4 & 11th, 2023**

AT CROSS OF CHRIST THIS WEEK: 6/04/23-6/11/23

TODAY: 8:30 Stone Church Worship with Holy Communion/Noisy Offering/FB Live Hog Roast
Bring a dish to share; side, salad or dessert.
Tours of the Historic Stone Church

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

TUESDAY:

WEDNESDAY: 11:00 Prayer Group

THURSDAY: 10:00 V.V./10:30 H.C. Worship Services

FRIDAY: Pastor's Day Off
Private Party Celebration

SATURDAY: 11:00 Sherman Cole Memorial Service with Military Honors at 11:45 (10:00 Visitation)

SUNDAY: 8:30 Stone Church – 10:30 Cross of Christ Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion/FB Live

Looking Ahead.....

June 12 & 13 Do Days (Come join us for our quilting ministry)

June 13 Executive Council Mtg.

June 15 WELCA Trip to Vesterheim (Leaving CofC parking lot at 9a.m.)

June 20 Council Mtg.

June 30 & July 1 Hobby Huddle (8:30) Everyone is Welcome

Area Events:

June 10 HAPI – Quilt Show (10-4)

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

Celebrating the Stone Church History
Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.
Bring your own chair to sit on the lawn



July 2
Hotdog & Watermelon Feed
Wagon Rides
Bring a dish to pass, sides, salad or desserts