



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

**February 15, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday**

*No matter who you are, where you've been, or what you believe,
you are welcome here.*

Chimes

Prelude

"Eternal Source of Light Divine"

G. F. Handel, arr. Phil Lehenbauer; Barbara Vella, Organist

Welcome

Rev. Sara Tillema, Guest Pastor

Introit

"Climbin' Up the Mountain"

*Spiritual, arr., Rollo Dilworth
Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

***Call to Worship**

The glory of the Holy One shines before us.

We come to behold the light of God.

What was once veiled is now revealed in Christ.

We come with open hearts and unveiled faces.

Let us worship the God whose light transforms us.

Let us worship God.

Christy Wait, Liturgist

***Opening Hymn #12** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

1
*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of
Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

3
*To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth
Thee.*

2
*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and
love.*

4
*Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*

***Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

The light of God does not expose us to shame, but invites us into truth. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, We confess that we often prefer the safety of the veil. We hide our true selves— our fears, our doubts, our wounds— and we fail to truly see one another. We turn away from the light when it feels too bright, too demanding, too revealing.

Forgive us, O God. Lift what obscures your glory in us. Free us to live with unveiled faces, reflecting your grace, and receiving your light in one another. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: In Christ, the veil is removed. God's mercy shines upon us, not to condemn, but to transform. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn #583** *"Glory to God" (2x)*
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia

*The Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Blessing the Children (3 yrs - 5th grade)

People of God, what is our prayer for these children?
May the Lord be with you.
(Children: And also with you.)
Thanks be to God!

We Listen to God's Word

The First Lesson

Exodus 34:29-36 (O.T., p. 81)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

Anthem

"This Is My Beloved Son"

Pepper Choplin

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (N.T., p. 180)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Sermon

"When the Veil Lifts"

Rev. Sara Tillema

Prayers of the People and 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 Respond to the Good News

Call for the Offering

As we have received light freely, let us give generously—our gifts, our lives, our unveiled selves—to reflect God's glory in the world.

Offertory

"When You Believe"

*Stephen Schwartz & Kenneth Edmonds;
sung by Christy Wait and Judy West*

***Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #606**

***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**

God of glory, receive these gifts as signs of lives being transformed. Use them to lift veils, heal divisions, and shine your light where it is most needed. Amen.

We Go Out in God's Name

***Closing Hymn #662** *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

1
*Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.*

3
*Visit then this soul of mine;
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.*

2 *Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Siyahamba” (Hymn 853)
(We are Marching in the Light of God)
Congregation, please join the choir in singing hymn 853.

John A. Behnke (b. 1953)
Vern Tegger, congas

Feel free to depart quietly. Please be mindful of those enjoying the postlude.

***Those who are able may rise in body or spirit.**

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Announcements



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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.

This month Worship/Taizé and friends
are serving coffee & refreshments after worship.

Announcements

Welcome Guests and Visitors! - We're glad you're here at Stone Church. The nearest restroom is located between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall. Please exit through the double doors at the front of the Sanctuary (near the TV). Everyone is warmly invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall, and on the patio, following worship. Large-print hymnals & seat cushions available on the back pew near the door.

Nursery - We welcome the joyful sounds of little ones during worship. If your baby (ages 0–3) becomes too wiggly, you're welcome to use the nursery (doors located on either side – use entry through Narthex or between the Sanctuary and the Social Hall). The nursery is open each Sunday for children ages 0–3.

Kids' Club – Today, children start in the Sanctuary and will leave with their teachers after the Blessing the Children liturgy. There're some children's activity boxes in the Narthex to use while they're in the Sanctuary.

Today the (Roaming) SJ Presbytery Unity Candle is at [Covenant Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto](#) (Rev. Dr. Jack Cabaness). Pray for all God's people in this congregation.

Today's Sermon – Light; glory; revealing our true selves to our neighbors and seeing them in return.

Our Guest Pastor – Rev. Sara Tillema will preach for us today. Sara (she/her) serves as the Sr. Director of Next Gen Re-sources at Ministry Leadership Center and is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). She and her family, Aron and Ace, relocated to San Jose last summer. Previously she was at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center as the Director of Programs (2021-2025). She received her M. Div from Princeton Theological Seminary and is completing her Ph.D. in Religious Studies at the University of California, Davis (expected 2026). She and her family are grateful for the warm welcome from the Stone Church community these past few months.

Adult Ed (11am FR) – Two representatives from NAMI ([National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)) will join us: Patti Andrade, NAMI's FaithNet Program Coordinator; and Jillian Campbell, a NAMI staffer, and someone who lives with mental illness, who is also a graduate of NAMI's Peer-to-

Peer class. NAMI's FaithNet is an interfaith resource network of NAMI members, friends, clergy and congregations of all faith traditions who wish to encourage faith communities who are welcoming and supportive of persons and families living with mental illness. Patti and Jillian will discuss this, as well as what else NAMI offers.

Youth Broomball last week was SO FUN! Malia reports that 18 youth showed up to play a rousing game on the ice! Thanks to everyone who came out!

Women's Retreat - Fri, Mar 6th – Sun, Mar 8th. Our theme this year – Everyone has a Story! **Sign-up Deadline is this coming Tue, Feb 17th**. There will be a sign-up table in the social hall during coffee hour.

Men's Book Group meets **tomorrow, Mon, Feb 16th** (7 pm) in the Lincoln House conference room, to discuss "Strangers in Time" by David Baldacci. All men are welcome; even if you haven't read it, come anyway, for the conversation, wine & snacks.

From "Hosanna" to Ashes - Members of Stone Church's youth group turned palm fronds, saved from our Palm Sunday worship service last April, into the ashes that we will use at this week's **Ash Wednesday** worship service, **Feb 18th**, starting at 6:30pm.

The Beginning of Lent will kick off with our evening **Ash Wednesday Service, this coming Wed, Feb 18th** (6:30pm). After that will come weekly Taizé services, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and culminating with Easter!

Lenten Theme - *Walking Toward the Truth - Meeting Jesus Where We Are, Becoming Who We Are Called to Be*. Lent is not a season of self-improvement, but of truth-telling. In this Gospel-centered journey through Lent, we walk with Jesus into places of temptation, questioning, thirst, blindness, grief, and costly love.

Each week invites us to shed illusion, face ourselves honestly, and discover that God meets us not after we have changed, but precisely where we are. Guided by the Psalms and anchored in the life of Jesus, this series calls us to a deeper trust that leads not around the cross, but through it—toward transformation, healing, and hope.

Basement Spring Clean – There are a couple more Saturdays in February for the basement clean-up. Committees are invited to sort through their stored items (in the basement) and clear out what's no longer needed. Join Jennifer and Judi on **Sat, Feb 21st, & 28th** (9 am to noon). You don't need to be on a committee to come, all helping hands are appreciated! Coffee and sweet treats will be provided—you bring the energy! Sign up in the Social Hall after worship or email kaiser_judith@yahoo.com.

Congregational Meeting - Join us next **Sun, Feb 22nd**, immediately after worship to review the pastor's Terms of Call and receive the 2026 Budget.

Willow Glen HUB Pop-Up Event next Sun, Feb 22nd (10:30-1pm) on the church patio. A Village Hub is a local information center that operates during a major disaster. Jennifer and Marta are core members of the WG Hub and will be onsite to show you what a Hub offers.

Prayer Shawl Group meets the 4th Saturday each month (**Feb 28th**) at 1pm. Come if you are interested in knitting or crocheting or come to socialize and see what others are creating. Contact Ginny Barret for details (gabbybarret@gmail.com).

New Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of San Jose s The Rev. Dr. Grace Kaori Suzuki! Grace Kaori (her full first name) grew up living in in both Japan and the U.S; she is bilingual and bicultural. Pastor Grace Kaori is a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary and has a background in classical piano teaching and performance. She currently lives in San Francisco with her husband and two daughters.

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Sunday (2/15) Fred off thru Feb 17th; Malia off

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice
 9:30 - 10:30am Kids' Club - FR
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship - SH
 (Wshp/Taize)
 11am - 12pm Adult Ed - FR
 5 - 7pm Chromatic Rehearsal - SH

Monday (2/16) Presidents' Day - Office Closed

9:30 - 11:30am OMG - Conf.Room
 2:30pm PW Page Turners Book Group -
 Jan Keifer's
 7pm Men's Book Group - Conf.Room
 7:45 - 9pm Pariter Rehearsal - SH

Tuesday (2/17) Fred off thru Feb 17th; Malia off

7 - 8:30pm Hub Mtg - Conf.Room

Wednesday (2/18) Malia off

6:30 – 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service - SA
 7:30 - 8:30pm Choir Practice - SH

Thursday (2/19)

3 - 5pm Stephen Ministers - SH
 7 - 9pm Session - FR

Friday (2/20)

Saturday (2/21) 9am - 12pm Basement Clean-Out

Next Sunday (2/22)

8:30 - 9am Choir Practice
 9:30 - 10:30am Breakfast & Bibles - Conf.Room
 9:30 - 10:30am Kids' Club - FR
 9:30 - 10:30am Worship - SA & Zoom
 10:30am - 1pm WG Hub Pop-up Event - Patio
 10:30 - 11am Coffee Fellowship -SH
 (Wshp/Taize)
 10:30 - 11am Congregational Mtg - SA

11am - 12pm Adult Ed - FR
 11am - 12pm PNC - Conf.Room
 5 - 7pm Chromatic Rehearsal - SA
 5 - 7pm Youth Club - SH/K
 7:30 - 9pm High School Discuss'n Group -
 Conf.Room

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FEBRUARY Birthdays – (1st) Elizabeth Sarmiento; (2nd) Ryann McManus; (3rd); (8th) Steve Nelson, Dawn Predium; (9th) Bonnie James; (11th) Thomas Snodgrass; (17th) Jonathan Miller; (18th) Kent Campbell, Jutta Sargent; (20th) Bill Lakatos; (23rd) Susi Pixley; (24th) Nicky Hiestand, Karen Wessels;(25th) Kate Wheatley;(26th) Justin Hiestand; (27th) Nancy Paul.

No FEBRUARY Anniversaries

The Elders of the Session		
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