



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

**April 5, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.  
Easter**

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

**Prelude**

*"Salut 'd'amour"  
"Canzon"  
"Easter Alleluia Medley"*

*Edward Elgar  
Gabrieli  
arr. Gary Lanier  
Barbara Vella, Organist*

**Welcome**

*Rev. Fred Harrell, Transitional Pastor*

**Introit**

*"Fanfare for Easter"*

*Jane M. Marshall  
Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Jeff Mattan , Liturgist*

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*We come with hearts that know fear—*

**And we come with hearts that long for joy.**

*Christ is risen, and the tomb is empty.*

**God is still rolling stones away.**

*This is the day that the Lord has made—*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*Opening Hymn #248** “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna”

1  
Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All  
creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see a  
spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
Bring a taste of love unknown.

2  
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
From the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning  
See what love can do and care  
Drink the wine of resurrection  
Not a servant but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion  
Joy and peace shall never end.

3  
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
Nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
Where the world is still in pain  
Tell its grim demonic chorus:  
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the first and last is with us  
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**Call to Confession**

*The risen Christ does not wait for us to have it all together; he comes to us while we are still trembling, still uncertain, still carrying what we thought was finished. So let us bring our whole selves before God, our doubts, our grief, our guarded hearts, trusting that even here, God is already at work.*

**Prayer of Confession**

*God of resurrection, we confess that we often live as if the stone is still in place.*

*We cling to what is familiar, even when it no longer gives life. We hold tightly to fear, even when joy is breaking in. We resist your reversals, preferring what is predictable to what is possible.*

*We confess that we have dismissed what you have chosen, overlooked what you have raised up, and doubted that new life could come from places of loss.*

*Forgive us, O God. Roll away the stones we have sealed in our hearts. Surprise us again with your grace. Call us out of our hiding places and into the risky, radiant joy of resurrection life. Amen.*

**Silence**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free, and called into new life.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Special Music**

“Sanctus” from the Fauré Requiem

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

*The Peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

## **New Member Welcome - Jennifer Bui & Catherine Hill**

### **Presenting New Members**

*On behalf of the Session, I present **Jennifer Bui**, who has been received into the membership of this congregation by transfer of letter from Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. Also, I present **Catherine Hill**, joining by profession of faith, and the sacrament of baptism.*

### **Reception of New Members**

*The church is a family of people with a variety of gifts, united by the Spirit revealed in Jesus of Nazareth. By this Spirit, we are joined in caring, forgiving, helping and loving one another.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The church is the people of God, with a diversity of needs, ideas and visions, inspired by the Spirit burning through the words and deeds of Jesus, as told in the Scripture. By this Spirit, we are opened to the world and all people as our siblings in faith.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Spirit of Christ restores and redeems creation, bringing order out of chaos, unity in the midst of disunity, life in the midst of death.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Question to New Members**

*Will you be a faithful member of this congregation and share in its worship and ministry? And will you through your fellowship, study and service, seek to fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ? (“I will”)*

### **Question to the Congregation**

*Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Jennifer and Catherine in word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and be faithful members of Christ's church?*

**We do!**

### **Welcome Prayer**

*Will the congregation please join in the words of welcome:*

**Jennifer and Catherine, we welcome you into this family of God's community. We celebrate your joining us. We love you and need you, for your faith completes our joy. Be the church with us, gathered for study and worship, scattered for living service to others. We are the body of Christ together. Thanks be to God!**

## We Listen to God's Word

### **The First Lesson**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (O.T., p. 565)*

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!*

*Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."*

*The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.*

*There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.*

*Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.*

*This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.*

*I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

### **Anthem**

*"Joy to the Heart"*

*K. Lee Scott*

*~ Please join the choir in singing the final verse ~*

***Look there! The Christ, our Brother,  
comes resplendent from the gallows  
tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is  
life on life for you and me.  
Joy! Joy! Joy to the heart  
all in the good day's dawning!***

### **The Second Lesson**

*Matthew 28:1-10 (N.T., p. 33)*

*After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

### **Sermon**

*"Joy That Disrupts"*

*Rev. Fred Harrell*

### **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**

*Every act of generosity, every gift given in love, every offering that makes room for new life, is part of God's great turning of the world.*

*So let us give, not out of obligation, but out of resurrection joy.*

### **Offertory**

*"Meditation from Thais"*

*Jules Massenet*

### **\*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 new beginnings, we offer these gifts as signs of resurrection, small acts that participate in your great renewal. Take what we give and use it to roll away stones, to lift up what has been cast aside, and to bring life where there has been loss. Multiply these gifts, and multiply our courage to live as people of Easter. In Christ's risen name, Amen.*

## We Go Out in God's Name

### **\*Closing Hymn #232**

*"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

*1*

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*2*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*3*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*4*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

#### **Choral Postlude**

*"I'll Be On My Way"*

*Shawn Kirchner;  
Vern Tegger, baritone  
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)*

*"Hallelujah Chorus"*

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

### **ASL Interpreter –**

**Musicians:** Chris Nalls, horn; Tim Bacon, trumpet 1; German Gonzalez, trumpet 2; Leroy Kromm, piano; David Landers, trombone; Elizabeth Cruz, tuba; Christine Lovejoy, timpani; Karen Thielen, harp, Evan Fine, violin; Laraine Pitcher, flute; Joanne Vliet, clarinet.

Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**. Artist Note: For Lent in 2026 I have chosen words which may inspire us to contemplate their many ramifications and which I have graphically offered. **PEACE**. Peace for our minds and souls. And peace for all the people of the world... to heal so many shattered lives.

### Announcements



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the Narthex*

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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 Presbyterian Women (PW) 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.

**Kid's Club** - Today, children stay in worship with their families. Some children's activity boxes are in the Narthex to use while they're in the Sanctuary.

**Sermon Theme** - Easter is proclaimed not only as an empty tomb, but as public witness: God has raised Jesus, overturning rejection and opening life to all. Resurrection is both cosmic reversal and courageous testimony. Psalm 118 sings of the rejected stone becoming the cornerstone; Acts 10 announces that this risen Christ is Lord of all — not just one tribe, not one nation, but every people.

**Flowers this Sunday** are from Nina Mundi, to honor our families and loved ones, as we rejoice in the hope of resurrection.

**Flower Cross** – Please add flowers to the flower cross on the church's front lawn. We encourage everyone to participate.

**Healthy Community** - On the first Sunday of the month our Healthy Community Nurses will collect unused/ expired/ unwanted medications. Drop them off with Cathy Marlatt in the social hall after worship.

**First Sunday SHCS Donations – Today**, we collect and donate items for Sacred Heart Community Services. Place donated food & goods in the Narthex collection baskets. If you missed bringing something today, consider bringing something next month. Needed items: pop-top cans and other packaged food items (no homemade food); gently used or new blankets and linens; hygiene items of unopened toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, etc.; diapers (both infant and adult); unopened infant formula; new socks, new underwear for men, women and children; and gently used or new sleeping bags.

**Library Sundays (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)** – **Today**, the adult library in the Lincoln House will be open during coffee hour. Exit the back of the Social Hall and enter the Lincoln House using the back door. See what's in our browsing library and check out what you'd like. Also, the library is open during office hours (M-F 9am-1pm).

**Our Monthly Taizé is this Tues, April 7** (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month). Taizé Prayer is evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Mantra songs (like "Jesus, Remember Me"), prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment. Come explore this time of quiet, music, scripture, and prayer. Sanctuary doors open at 6:30 pm and the service is from 6:45 - 7:30 pm.

**The Office Manager** will be out of the office **April 1 -10**. Volunteers will be in the office M-F (9-1pm).

**Support our Student Artists!** - Tickets are on sale now in which you can find Stone Youth. **Sofia Wessels** (8th grade), **Olivia Robinson** (8th grade) & **Tana Clark** (8th grade) - [Between the Lines Jr @ Playful People Productions \(G\)](#) - **4/10, 4/11\*, 4/12** (Our students are in the "Once" cast) - \*Malia will be at this shows

**Family Ministry All-Ages Game Night** - Families of all ages and stages are invited to this inclusive game night! (Yes, parents too!!!) There will be competitive games, collaborative games, and everything in between. Bring your own dinner, but we'll provide snacks, drinks, and dessert. It's a perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors. **Friday, April 17** (5:30-7:30pm) in the Social Hall

**PWP Church Mystery Book Club** - Presbytery Women invite you to join their book club, **Sat, April 18** (1:30-4pm) at Los Gatos Presbyterian Church (16575 Shannon Road, LG). Information and RSVP to [tinyurl.com/mystery-4-18-26](http://tinyurl.com/mystery-4-18-26)

**Ministry Discernment Profile** - At its March 19 meeting, Session approved the draft Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) prepared by the PNC, which describes Stone Church, and what we are looking for in a new pastor. The MDP will now be submitted to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) for their review/approval at their April meeting. Once approved, we will provide it to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC), the main job board for Presbyterian ministers seeking a call. Once the MDP is approved by COM and on the CLC, it will be made available to the congregation. Please continue to hold the PNC and its work in your prayers!

**Scholarships** - Presbyterian Women's Hudspeth Trust is again offering scholarships for undergraduate college bound students. Application forms are available from the office, via email from ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)). Contact Nanci Eksterowicz with any questions ([nancigrace@comcast.net](mailto:nancigrace@comcast.net), or call 408.887.2965). **Application deadline is July 1**. US mail applications to PW Stone Church, Scholarships, 1937 Lincoln Ave, San Jose 95125, post marked by July 1, 2026, or emailed to [nancigrace@comcast.net](mailto:nancigrace@comcast.net) by July 1.

**Willow Glen 5K Run/Walk** (<https://wg5k.org/>) **Sat, May 9<sup>th</sup>** (9am). Participants will run, walk, stroll, and ride the course, then meet at the Willow Glen Elementary School's finish line for a post-race festival, including sponsor booths, pancake breakfast, kid zone, and promotional swag. This year, Stone Church will host a booth at the post-race festival!

### **To Participate in WG 5K**

#### **1) Join the Stone Church of Willow Glen Team**

<https://raceroster.com/registration/116562/entry?team=966257>. Early Bird registration runs through March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**2) Support the Stone Church booth! Sign-up link coming** for Set-up, take-down, staffing, and donations of goods and snacks.

**3) Live along the course route?** Host a cheer section in your front yard with other Stone Church members! Route map: <https://sites.google.com/wgepta.org/site/willow-glen-5k/courses>. Questions? Please contact [joanne\\_vliet@yahoo.com](mailto:joanne_vliet@yahoo.com).

**Children and Youth** programming continues with...

**Youth-Led Easter Sunrise Service** – April 5 (6:30am) Easter is the highest holy day in the Christian calendar! Come to this special early service to help us celebrate the resurrection in joyful community. Students will be leading the service, and all youth are invited out to breakfast at Bill's Cafe afterward!

**Breakfast and Bibles** - April 12, 26; and May 17

**Family Game Night** – April 17 – see announcements.

**Youth Club** - April 19 and May 17

**Kids Club** - April 12, 19, 26; May 10, 17, 24

**Graduate Sunday** – May 3 – we'll celebrate our graduates and our Family and Youth Ministry Director, Malia Clark, will preach on that day

### **April 5 – 12, 2026**

<b>Sunday (4/5)</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
6:30 - 7:30am	Sunrise Easter Worship - SH
8:30 - 9am	Choir Practice
9:30 - 10:30am	Easter Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - SH (PW)
<b>Monday (4/6)</b>	<b>Jennifer off thru 4/10</b>
9:30 - 11:30	OMG - Conf.Room
7:30pm	B&F - Zoom
7:45 - 9pm	Pariter Rehearsal - SH
<b>Tuesday (4/7)</b>	<b>Jennifer off thru 4/10</b>
6:30 - 7:30pm	Taizé Service - SA
7 - 8pm	M&C - Zoom
7:30 - 9:30pm	B&G, CE, StoneWorks - Zoom
<b>Wednesday (4/8)</b>	<b>Jennifer Off thru 4/10</b>
4:30 - 6:15pm	Vivace - SH
7 - 8:30pm	Choir Practice - SH
<b>Thursday (4/9)</b>	<b>Jennifer Off thru 4/10</b>
9:30 - 12pm	PWCT - Conf.Room
<b>Friday (4/10)</b>	<b>Jennifer Off thru 4/10</b>
10 - 11:30am	Caregiver's Support - Conf.Room
<b>Saturday (4/11)</b>	

### **Next Sunday (4/12)**

8:30 - 9:00am	Choir Practice
9:30 - 10:50am	Kids' Club - FR
9:30 - 10:30am	Breakfast & Bibles - Conf.Room
9:30 - 10:30am	Worship - SA & Zoom
10:30 - 11am	Coffee Fellowship - SH (PW)
11am - 12pm	Nominating Com - Conf.Room
5 - 7pm	Chromatic Rehearsal - SH

**APRIL Birthdays:** (1st) Garrett Balao; (2nd) Craig Bowers; (3rd) Peter Nelson; (4th) Madison McManus; (5th) Renee Pavlovich; (8th) Lizanne Oliver, Laraine Pitcher & Joyce Linn; (9th) Eric Olson; (10) Alison Armstrong; (12th) Janice Goertz; (15th) Rev. Marge Palmer, Pam Hood, & Rhonda Lakatos; (17th) Michele Edwards, Bob Lowry, Marcia Ludwig & Nina Mundi; (20th) Jody Evans; (21st) Sheri Cunningham.; (22nd) Allison van Digglan; (23rd) Claudia Hamm; (24th) Bill Ribble; (27th) Susan Bedolla. & Heather Henry; (28th) Sabine Nelson; (29th) Jerry Keifer; (30th) Raven Bateman & Jim Hagan

### **APRIL Anniversary**

Fran & Bob Lowry (4/10/76)

<b>The Elders of the Session</b>		
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