### **№ ENTRANCE** ◆

For where two or three are gathered in my name, J am there among them. (Matthew  $18:20^{NRSV}$ )

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed be the nation whose God is the Lord.

Happy are the people who serve the God, our Redeemer.

The Lord God has promised to be with and watch over all those who trust in and obey Him.

The Mighty One is our God. We worship and obey Him. We remember His law.

We gather to thank Him for all his mercies, to remember those who have given themselves for the sake of justice and truth, and to pray for His blessings to be upon us and those who rule over us.

We praise and we thank the Lord our Maker. We call upon His name and ask for His peace.

\*Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #646 BH

\*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Merciful God, You know the fears and failures. When we hide from Your call in our lives, forgive us and strengthen us to move forward in courage and faith. Encourage us, gracious God, to be children of hope and love. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters, you are all children of light! Clothed in faith and love, covered with the hope of salvation in Christ Jesus. Take heart! Shine! We are all forgiven and reconciled to God!

> PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25;

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;

Children's Time

Hymn "Awesome God" #63 BH

**Sermon** 1 Thessalonians 5:23;

### MY WHOLE BEING - SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY.

### & RESPONSE TO THE WORD &

Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" #346 BH

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

\*Response "Glory Be to the Father"

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory Prayer

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

### The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Partaking of the Elements
Post Communion Prayer



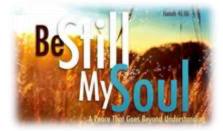
### > SENDING FORTH ◆

\*Closing Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #172 BH

\*Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with you wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the life and protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again with gladness and happiness in your hearts. Amen

Postlude



## In the Life of our STONEGATE Family

Sunday, November 9, 2014 Noon – Veteran's luncheon Wednesday, November 12, 2014 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Thursday, November 13, 2014 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study.

Friday, November 14, 2014

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Breakfast Group Yard and Building Work

Sunday, November 16, 2014

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly ....

Lead like Jesus...,

Lead to Jesus...,

Be led by Jesus...,

-- John McCrae, 1915

### & For Our Guests &

We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today. We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to God as we worship the true and living God together.

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### > WORSHIP LEADERS →

- . Pastor
- . Elder
- , Pianist
- , Singing
- . Children's Time
- Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able #156 RH = Page 156 Red Hymnal #156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal Back Cover BH = Back Cover Blue Hymnal

### THEME IDEAS

Look! Watch! Be aware! All of today's readings point to a need for awareness. As we move toward Advent, our readings begin to focus more directly on preparing for God's realm and reign upon this earth. Christians today too often look for specific times and signs of God's return, whereas scripture reminds us that we are called to constantly live in the light and knowledge of Christ's love and guidance. Matthew's frightening parable offers many possible lessons, but all remind us that hiding is not a



path toward God's kingdom. Look! Watch! Be aware! As we watch and prepare, we are called to live as children of light, allowing God's reign to guide our lives. As we build one another up, we lay the foundation for God's realm upon this earth.

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