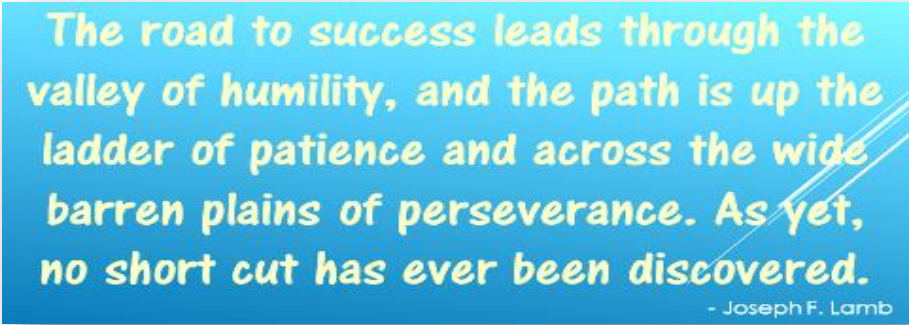


🌀 ENTRANCE 🌀

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
(Matthew 18:20, NRSV)



Welcome and Announcements			Ricky Tipps
Prelude / Hymn	"In the Garden"	(vs 1 & 2) Choir	# 476 BH
*Opening prayer			Pastor
*Call to Worship (Responsively)			Pastor
When hatred and division separate us, GOD's love binds us together. When quarrels estrange us from one another, CHRIST's light shows us the way to reconciliation. When we feel excluded and left out, The SPIRIT's peace eases our pain. When all hope of fellowship seems lost, come, let us worship GOD, GOD's grace restores our hope; who makes us one.			
*Hymn	"Higher Ground"	(vs. 1 & 4)	# 532 BH

🌀 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD 🌀

Scripture Reading	Matthew 15:21-28;	Pastor
Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer		Pastor
Special Music	"Crazy Love"	David Cost
Sermon	Matthew 15:21-28;	Pastor

"Humility and Perseverance"

🌀 RESPONSE TO THE WORD 🌀

Hymn	"I Love to Tell the Story"	(vs 1 & 3)	# 626 BH
*Prayer of Confession			Pastor
Merciful GOD, we long to see in the Canaanite woman a child of GOD worthy of mercy and compassion. But we fear that our deep-seated prejudices might lead us to dismiss her out of hand, as JESUS' disciples did before us. We want to open our hearts, O GOD, to those who are different from ourselves. But we fear to expect too much of ourselves. Help us know the joy of living in peace and harmony, even with those we would rather live without. Amen.			
*Words of Assurance & Encouragement			Pastor
The gifts and the calling of GOD are irrevocable. Rejoice in the knowledge of GOD's saving love. Thanks be to God!			
*Affirmation of Faith			Pastor
The Celebration of the Holy Communion			Pastor

🌀 SENDING FORTH 🌀

*Closing Hymn	"Oh, How I Love Jesus"	(vs 1 & 2)	# 560 BH
<i>If you would like to make a profession of faith, join the church, or simply pray at the altar; you may come during the closing hymn. We welcome you to our fellowship!</i>			
*Charge & Benediction			Pastor
The GOD of hope has brought us together. The GOD of hope sends us forth to love one another well. The GOD of hope sends us forth to bring the world home without divisions. Amen.			
Offering	"Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"		
Postlude			Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept us home and I started publishing my daily devotional and weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org, but now we are back in our sanctuary.

The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal". We are children of God, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what is un-normal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

August 23, 2020 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

**Be Strong, Never Give Up..., Good Days Will Return,
And We Will Meet Again**

✠ 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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**Be humble in your
confidence
yet courageous in
your character**

✠ WORSHIP LEADERS ✠

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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THEME IDEAS

What unites us is far greater than what divides us. Paul asks rhetorically if GOD has rejected the Hebrew people by offering salvation to the Gentiles, and answers no. JESUS initially refuses to help a Canaanite woman's daughter until she presses her case. Then JESUS joyfully heals the daughter, marveling at the mother's faith. We are all bound together in the unconditional love of GOD.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, AUGUST 16, 2020



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