## & ENTRANCE &

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

God calls to us, inviting us to revel in creation.

We come with joy, delighting in God's world! God speaks words of life and hope.

We welcome God's word into our hearts

God asks us to live God's word.

We worship God with joyful noise all that we do!

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

#237 BH

## \*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Creator, You call us to delight in Your creation, yet we are too busy to notice the beauty around us. You place Your word within our hearts, yet we fail to listen to Your guidance. You call us to act with justice in all that we say and all that we do, yet we often fail to act on our good intentions. Remake us into a community of love - a community that does Your will and helps heal a world in need. Amen.

## \*Words of Assurance

God transforms our lives by the power of love, speaking words of truth to enlighten our spirits and leading us in the path of justice.

## > PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23;

Children's Time

Hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #473 BH

**Sermon** Gen. 19:15-17, 24-26

Mark 10:46-52

"XYZ, XYZ, XYZ..."

> RESPONSE TO THE WORD ◆

Hymn "Just as I Am" #435 BH

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #434 BH

\*Charge & Benediction

Now that you have heard the word of God, be doers of the word planted deep within you. Be slow to speak, quick to listen, and slow to anger. Do this and you will be blessed. Amen.

Postlude

# In the Life of STONEGATE Family

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 6:00 p.m. - BIBLE STUDY Thursday, September 3, 2015 10:00 a.m. - LADIES BIBLE STUDY Friday, September 4, 2015 8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Group Yard and Building Work Sunday, September 6, 2015 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

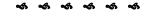
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

# Psalm 104:1 -

## > 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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Lead to Jesus..., Be led by Jesus...,

## WORSHIP LEADERS -

- , Pastor
- , Elder
- , Pianist
- , Singing
- , Children's Time
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\* Please rise as you are able #156 RH = Page 156 Red Hymnal #156 BH = Page 156 Blue Hymnal

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## THEME IDEAS

With the exception of the reading from John, prayer is a unifying theme of these texts. Solomon prays at the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem. The Psalmist prays for Israel and the joys of being in God's house. And Paul enjoins Christians to put on the full armor of God and pray in the Spirit at all times. To tie in the Gospel reading, worship leaders could show how communion and prayer in the Spirit allow us to abide in Christ.



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CUMBERI AND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - August 30, 2015



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