

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude / Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" (vs 1 & 4) Choir # 68 BH

\*Opening prayer

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Stand firm, children of GOD.

We come to serve the LORD.

Stand firm, children of GOD.

We come to stand in unity and love.

Stand firm, children of GOD.

We come to live faithfully and fully in CHRIST.

\*Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (vs 1 & 2) # 509 BH

Ricky Tipps

Pastor

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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16; Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Special Music "Holy Spirit" David Cost

Sermon Matthew 20:1-16; Pastor

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Living for Jesus" (vs 2 & 3) # 545 BH

\*Prayer of Confession Pastor

Forgive us, Mighty GOD, when we doubt YOUR strength. Assure us, when we doubt YOUR constant presence. Renew us, when we neglect to love others as YOU have loved us. Empower us with YOUR strength, and encourage us with YOUR steadfast love. Unite us through the power of YOUR Holy Spirit, that we might live with a faith that honors YOU, and abide with a hope that encourages others to know YOUR love and grace.

\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

CHRIST'S grace makes us whole, and the SPIRIT'S presence makes us one. We are forgiven!

Thanks be to GOD for these wonderful gifts!

\*Affirmation of Faith Pastor

The Celebration of the Holy Communion Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn "Higher Ground" (vs 1 & 3) # 532 BH

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!

\*Charge & Benediction Pastor

Go forth with the strength of the HOLY SPIRIT.  
Love with the grace of JESUS CHRIST.  
Rejoice in the steadfast love of GOD. Amen

Offering "Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"

Postlude Phyllis Turner

"Are You Envious Because I Am Generous?"

## *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](http://www.stonegatecpc.org).

Now we are back in our sanctuary. The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal," it is abnormal. We are children of GOD, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what is abnormal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

September 27, 2020 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

**Be Strong, Never Give Up...**, as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Good Days Will Return, And We Will Worship the LORD Together

### ✿ For Our Guests ✿

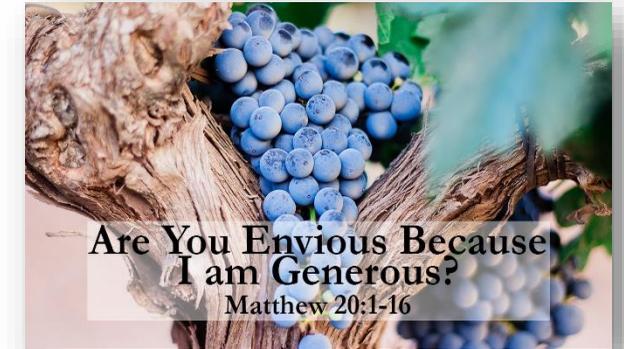
We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today. We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to GOD as we worship the true and living GOD together.



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## THEME IDEAS

Standing firm in faith is a challenging call that every follower must answer. Whether wandering hungry in the desert, working faithfully in GOD's vineyard, or striving to live in a Christian community, we discover that standing firm isn't as easy as it sounds. Yet today's letter to the Philippians calls us to do just that. We are called to live in a manner worthy of Christ's Gospel and of GOD's grace. To stand firm, we must stand with one another and with GOD. That is a challenge worth accepting!



# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

### ✿ 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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