≫ 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)

Are any among us suffering?

Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?

Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?

Come and ask for healing from the ONE who wipes the tears of our sorrow.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus"

#47 BH

*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Merciful God, it is foolish to presume that you will intervene every time we are in trouble, but sometimes we do. Forgive us, God, for those times: we have taken you for granted; we have taken credit for your interventions; we have blamed you, blamed one another, or even blamed ourselves for the suffering in our world. Forgive us, God, and teach us how to weep with those who weep and to rejoice with those who rejoice. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God is with us! God does not abandon us, but stays ever hopeful that we will realize our sins, confess them, and be healed. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

→ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD →

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading Mark 9:38-50;

Children's Time

Hymn "Only Trust Him" #465 BH

Sermon Mark 9:38-41, 49-50;

"SALTED WITH FIRE..."

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" #68 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

> SENDING FORTH ◆

*Closing Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #536 BH

*Charge & Benediction

God has created salt and fire, all things.
God has rescued us from sin and suffering.
Let us go forth, seeking to be on God's side.
bringing the love of Christ everywhere we go. Amen.

Postlude

In the Life of STONEGATE Family

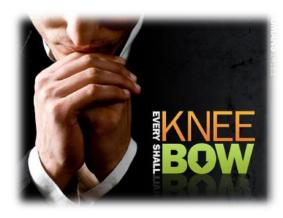
Wednesday, September 30, 2015 6:00 p.m. - BIBLE STUDY Thursday, October 1, 2015 10:00 a.m. - LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Friday, October 2, 2015 8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Group Yard and Building Work Sunday, October 4, 2015

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

& 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.





Lead like Jesus...,

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

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- . Pastor
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THEME IDEAS

In this week's Scripture readings, we are reminded of the story of Queen Esther. Esther lived in the shadow of genocide and oppression. But, God interrupted the flow of events and writers record a surprise ending to her story. How many times have we whispered the refrain of the Psalmist: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side ... "? This week, we join Esther in celebrating the special times when God intervenes in our lives.



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Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am 18th Sunday after Pentecost - September 27, 2015



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