

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (in Unison)

We come before God, not to glorify war, but to honor and celebrate those who walked into the chaos and evil that is war: those who were civilians and those who were military; those who survived and those who did not; those who were friends and those who were enemies. We all were affected and changed by (Military Action/Armed Conflict/the Vietnam War/the Korean Conflict/the Gulf War/etc.), and all are in need of reflection, renewal, comfort and healing.

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn "America, the Beautiful" #641 BH

*Confession of Sins (in Unison)

Loving and Gracious God, have mercy on us as we think about the meaning of sacrificial love on this Memorial Day weekend. Help to recognize that Your Son provided the greatest and ultimate sacrifice of them all, laying down His life so that our sins might be forgiven. O Lord, according to your mercy, renew a right spirit within us and make us fit to genuinely witness to Your love and grace. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise: "I will not leave you orphaned!" For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us - the presence of God within and around all. What a promise! Take courage! Take comfort! Blessed be God!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21;

New Testament Reading Acts 17:22-25;

Children's Time

Hymn "My Country Tis of Thee" #646 BH

Sermon

Acts 17:22-25;

I See How Extremely Religious You Are...

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "The Star-Spangled Banner" #644 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 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" #645 BH

*Benediction

Wherever we are, we are in God.
Wherever we are, we are in Christ, and Christ is in us.
Wherever we are, the Spirit abides with us and in us.
May all see our GOD in and through us.
Go in Peace. Amen

Postlude

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Family

Wednesday, May 28, 2014
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study.
 Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans
Thursday, May 29, 2014
 6:30 p.m. **Ascension Day**
COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE
Friday, May 30, 2014
 8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group
 Yard and Building Work

Sunday, June 1, 2014
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, June 8, 2014 - Pentecost Sunday
 Receiving new members
Let us dress up in RED



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

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.



WORSHIP LEADERS

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



* Please rise as you are able
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THEME IDEAS

In Acts, Paul describes God as the source of all creation and the source of life for all humankind. More than this, "we live and move and have our being" *in God*. Indeed, how can this God be far from us when we are *in God*? First Peter speaks of our being brought *to God* by Jesus Christ and describes lives of integrity "*in Christ*." John takes this human/divine spatial imagery the furthest in Jesus' description of himself as *in God*, while we the disciples are *in Christ* and Christ is *in us*. More than this, the Spirit is *with us* and *in us* as well. These passages call us to recognize the mysterious interrelationship that undergirds our being; they challenge us to live lives of love and goodness, courage and hope.

Remember Those Who Served



All Gave Some, Some Gave All
MEMORIAL DAY

STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am
6th Sunday of Easter - May 25, 2014



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