

✠ 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 "Majesty" Choir

\*Opening prayer

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

We've come to worship, to sing and pray and hear GOD's Word, because:

**GOD's love lasts forever!**

Even when GOD seems far away, when people treat us badly, we know:

**GOD's love lasts forever!**

Even when nothing is going right, and we're ready to give up, we know:

**GOD's love lasts forever!**

When we're all alone, and we feel like no one loves us, we know:

**GOD's love lasts forever! Let's worship GOD together!**

\*Hymn "America, the Beautiful" (One verse) # 641 BH

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Matthew 10:40-42; Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Special Music "Here Comes A Miracle" David Cost

Sermon Romans 6:15-19; Pastor

*"Become Obedient From The Heart To GOD"*

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "He Touched Me" # 628 BH

\*Prayer of Confession Pastor

GOD, we confess that we have sinned in YOUR sight. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in ways that bring honor to YOUR name. Forgive us. Through the grace of JESUS CHRIST and the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, set us free from the grip of sin - from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

Sisters and brothers, in HIS mercy, HE has set us free from the power of sin and death, and has offered us forgiveness and eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD! Now you are free to choose life, and to use your life to bring honor and glory to GOD! **Thanks be to God!**

\*Affirmation of Faith Pastor

The Celebration of the Holy Communion Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (One verse) # 645 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

**GOD'S steadfast love is engraved into our souls. May we carry it with us always. Whether welcoming the stranger, whether risking all we have, whether facing the cross, whether wrestling with GOD'S call, whether freeing ourselves from our past, GOD is our constant companion on this journey. Remain obedient from the heart to GOD. 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](http://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.

July 5, 2020 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

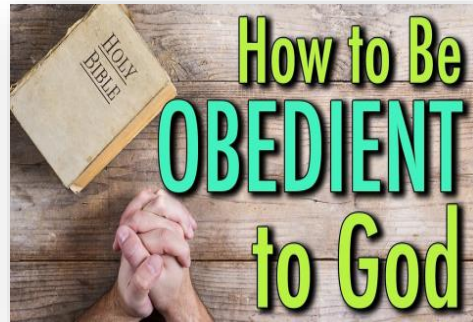
**Be Strong, Never Give Up..., Good Days Will Return,  
And We Will Meet Again**

### ✠ 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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### THEME IDEAS

The items, the relationships, and the emotions we cling to, define us. The lectionary texts provide a chance to examine the items we store in our hearts that distract us from our relationship with GOD. The divine request to release all that we have to GOD, is woven throughout the Matthew texts. JESUS proclaims that our love of human family must not replace our love of the LORD GOD. Attachments to human family can distract us from GOD's call.

Likewise, Romans reminds us that GOD's grace releases us from the sin and shame we amass when we wander away. Becoming free from the weights of this life, and placing our trust in the divine action, allows us to focus on GOD.

To Know HIM Is To Love HIM  
To Love HIM Is To Trust HIM  
To Trust HIM Is To Obey HIM  
And To Obey HIM  
Is To Be Blessed By HIM

## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, JUNE 28, 2020*

*Independence Day – July 4<sup>th</sup>*



**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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