

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship (in Unison)**

God searches us and knows us, calling us out of the darkness.

**We enter God's house, yearning to see God's presence and walk in Christ's light.**

God hems us in, behind and before, with knowledge too wonderful for words.

**We come now to worship, yearning to know and to be known.**

Come, enter God's house, the gate of heaven.

**How awesome is God, who comes to us now! Amen.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

#657 BH

**\*Confession of Sins (in Unison)**

Eternal God, You have searched us and known us. You know when we fall short and when we rise to Your calling. Remind us that we cannot hide from You, and we need not try. Forgive us and love us into righteousness. Lay Your hand upon us, that we may love You and Your creation more perfectly each day. Raise us to new life through Your grace and mercy, that our thoughts may ascend to heaven and our actions may descend to this earth with love and justice, we pray. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

God not only knows us but calls us Christ's own. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We need not fall back into fear, for we are all God's children, invited to shine like the sun in the kingdom of heaven! Thanks be to God!

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

**New Testament Reading** Romans 8:12-17;

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 13:24-30;

Children's Time

**Hymn** "He Touched Me"

#628 BH



Sermon

Matthew 13:24-30;

## ***DID YOU SOW A GOOD SEED IN HIS FIELD?***

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

#618 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**

"Take Time to Be Holy"

#587 BH

**\*Benediction**

**Creation is waiting for new life and hope.  
We go into God's world, planting seeds of love.  
God offers light for our journey. Come! Let us follow in God's ways -  
ways that lead to life everlasting! Amen.**

Postlude



# *In the Life of our STONEGATE Family*

**Wednesday, July 23, 2014**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study.

**Thursday, July 24, 2014**

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Healing Service

**Friday, July 25, 2014**

8:00 a.m. Friday's Morning Group

Yard and Building Work

**Sunday, July 27, 2014**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service



*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**

Waiting for God's creative presence is never easy, and sometimes God's presence is most unexpected. And yet, inevitably, God arrives. God is with us. God is creating and re-creating. Still, we struggle and groan alongside God in this process. God's whole creation groans with the pangs of birthing the hope of God's promises, and God's children strive to grow alongside the weeds sown by enemies. Waiting for God's creative presence is never easy. And yet, God arrives. God is with us. With God, we are creating and being created even as we wait.



# **The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat**