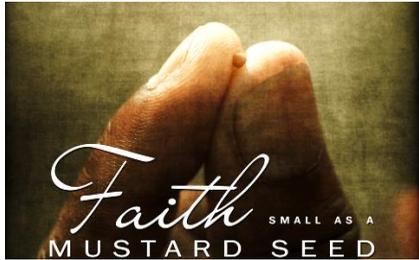


✠ ENTRANCE ✠

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



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude / Hymn "Sanctuary" Choir

\*Opening prayer

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

Praise the LORD!  
We gather to sing praises to GOD.

Praise the LORD!  
We gather to give thanks for all GOD has done in our lives.  
Praise the LORD!

We gather to worship our CREATOR, REDEEMER, and SUSTAINER.

\*Hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Ricky Tipps

# 588 BH

Pastor

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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52; Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer Pastor

Special Music "Your Grace Still Amazes Me" David Cost

Sermon Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52; Pastor

*"Bring Out What Is NEW And What Is OLD"*

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Have Thine Own Way" (vs 1 & 4) # 544 BH

\*Prayer of Confession Pastor

Loving GOD, YOU search our hearts to see all the good, all the challenges, and all the obstacles in our lives. Forgive us when we do not act as YOUR faithful followers. Remind us we are a part of YOUR family. May YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, intercede in our lives to bring us grace and healing. Help us be YOUR servants and share YOUR story with the world. In YOUR precious name, we pray. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance & Encouragement Pastor

Beloved children of GOD, nothing in this life can separate us from the love of GOD in CHRIST JESUS our LORD. Receive the forgiveness of GOD, and go forth to be the loving community of faith. Amen.  
Thanks be to God!

\*Affirmation of Faith Pastor

The Celebration of the Holy Communion Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn "Thank You, Lord" # 582 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 knowing that you are part of GOD'S family. Go forth proclaiming the praises of GOD. Go forth in the assurance that CHRIST is always with us. Go forth to bring the Kingdom of GOD wherever you are. 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.

August 2, 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

Today's lessons speak about the family of GOD, a story with praise and thanksgiving. In his letter to the Romans, Paul reminds the early church family that nothing can separate us from GOD because we have CHRIST JESUS, the one who died for us and intercedes for us. And Matthew, the collection of Parables, identifies how the family of GOD should live, seeking out the Kingdom and helping to make it a reality here on earth. From the very beginning, GOD has always been with us as we grow to be the family of CHRIST.



## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, JULY 26, 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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