

✠ 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 (*Responsively*)

From a strong root of love, anything is possible.

**Because of love, Jesus taught and preached, healed and fed, lived and died.**

Out of love, we grow as disciples, we grow in mercy and grace,  
we grow with love as the foundation of our lives.

**All we need is love.**

\*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #154 BH

\*Confession of Sins (*in Unison*)

Holy Love, to You we pray. We pray to You, O Christ, for You show us the way of love. We pray to love, for God is love. We pray for love, for love is the root of grace and the foundation of mercy. Forgive us when we lose our grounding in love, and act in ways that separate us from You and from one another. Forgive us when hate and animosity take root and weaken the love You have planted within us. Reclaim the foundation of love in us, that we may grow in faith and strength from the root of love. Amen.

\*Words of Assurance

May God grant you the power to grasp the fullness of love's width, length, height, and depth. In the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. In the love of God, we are made whole.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading John 6:1-14;

Children's Time

Hymn "Love Lifted Me" #107 BH

Sermon

Ephesians 3:14-21;

*"TO COMPREHEND IN FOUR DIMENSIONS..."*

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymns "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #233 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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Partaking of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer



✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

\*Closing Hymn "Take the Name of Jesus with You" #313 BH

\*Charge & Benediction

**May you know the love of Christ.  
May you dwell in this glorious gift.  
From the strong root of love with the fullness of love's width, length,  
height, and depth, we go forth to give love to God's world!  
Amen**

Postlude

# In the Life of *STONEGATE* Family

**Wednesday, July 29, 2015**

6:00 p.m. – BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, July 30, 2015**

10:00 a.m. – LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Friday, July 31, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Friday Morning Group

Yard and Building Work

**Sunday, August 2, 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.



## THEME IDEAS

Today's theme that emerges from the Ephesians reading is rooted and grounded in love as we grow in faith and discipleship. This is a prayer for the church at Ephesus, but this same prayer can be made for any congregation throughout Christendom. Even when we use other scriptures today, the strong root of love can be a powerful image, and this scripture can serve as a Psalm or doxology. The root of love led Jesus to feed thousands, miraculously and abundantly. This strong root of love is the foundation that can strengthen any follower of God to grow in spirit and faith.



Lead like Jesus...,

Lead to Jesus...,

Be led by Jesus...,

# STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service 10:45 am

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 26, 2015

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

, Pastor

, Elder

, Pianist

, Singing

, Children's Time

, Welcome and Announcements



\* Please rise as you are able

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