



STONE HILL CHURCH

March 5, 2023

*Advancing God's mission of
making dedicated followers of
Jesus Christ*

Sunday Worship

9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Because God is a God of justice, we should work for justice.

Introit

From All that Dwells Below the Skies

Call to Worship

Psalm 106:1-3

Opening Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-6

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Worship Song

Come Ye Sinners

Worship Song

Rock of Ages

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Amos 5-6

Pastor Tracy Troxel

Communion

Worship Song

O Come to the Altar

Closing Hymn

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Benediction

Communion Confession of Sin

Almighty and holy God,

Your love for justice delights our hearts. If you were not a just and holy God, this world, which you created and govern down to the most microscopic detail, would be unbearable to live in. However, we also admit that your love for justice terrifies our souls.

All: If we were to count the sins that we have committed only today, we know that we would deserve your great anger and punishment.

We have entertained evil thoughts toward others and have preferred ourselves and our favorite people over those who are outcasts in need of our love and care.

All: We have made little of our sins, excusing them and even using your great forgiveness as a way of avoiding your commands.

We have wearied you by laughing over evil things that we ought to hate. We have grieved you by hating good things and calling them evil, simply because they bore us or make us feel uncomfortable. Father, we deserve your judgment.

All: Lord have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, there is nothing we can do to satisfy God's justice. If even our best acts are like filthy rags, then we need the goodness of Jesus to cover us just as much on our best days as on our worst days.

All: Remind us often that the blood of Christ erases our sin, and that God speaks to us in love, not in exasperation and disappointment.

Ignite our hearts with a fiery gratitude that compels us to adore our Savior and to love what he calls good.

All: Fill our hearts with your astonishing love, and send us out into a hurting world to love the fatherless, the widow, the strange, and the awkward, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 5, 2023

New Here? Welcome! We'd love to connect with you. Please take a moment to fill out [a welcome card](#) and stop by the welcome desk after the service to connect with us.

Prayer at SHC: Do you have a prayer need? Prayer teams are available at the front of the sanctuary after each service. For those who would like a larger audience to pray for them, requests can be [sent to the prayer chain](#).

Sanctuary Seating Change: Due to increased worship service attendance numbers, beginning this morning, the “masked only” section of the sanctuary will move to the opposite side of the sanctuary. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we manage a growing congregation. Questions? [Contact Jim Erickson](#).

Men's Retreat: Join other men from SHC (and invite a friend!) to this year's men's retreat on March 10-11. Pastor Tucker Else from Serving Leaders Ministries will be our featured speaker. [Please register](#) by March 5.

Extended Family: This month's speaker is Mary Castria—who has experienced many highs and lows and yet her faith remains vibrant and strong. Come enjoy a great lunch, fellowship, and an uplifting message on Wednesday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m. in Harris Hall.

Spring Baptism: Our next baptism service will be held on April 30. Those interested in baptism should [contact Erin Lee](#) before April 2 to begin the baptism process.

Made in the Image of God: The Made in the Image of God Adult Education class (held in the sanctuary) is being livestreamed on [YouTube](#) and uploaded to our podcast stream. Search “Stone Hill Church” wherever you download your podcasts.

Other Spring Events

April 2 - Palm Sunday Concert

April 6 - Christ in the Passover: Interactive Service with Jews for Jesus

April 7 - Good Friday Service

April 9 - Easter Sunday

April 28-30 - Women's Retreat at Spruce Lake

May 7 - GO Sunday

May 19 - Marriage First