



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

OCTOBER 5, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WITH COMMUNION

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Only Trust Him

arr. Greg Howlett

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

David Finley

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

INTROIT

For Everyone Born Shirley Murray and Brian Mann

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy! joy!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God's mercies never end; they are new every morning.
We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

We will sing our song, of praise.

We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go.
Trust God, even when we do not feel like singing.

We will commit all our ways to God.

We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.

By God's grace, we are gathered for worship.

In God's love, we are no longer exiles and strangers.

We have been called together by the Holy Spirit.

We will treasure this special time in sacred space.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

**Make your presence known among us, O God,
for the foundations of our lives are shaking.**

We grieve in loneliness amid the crowds.

We huddle in fear because of the violence that surrounds us.

Cities are ravaged, and rural areas are not safe.

We are exiled from the homeland of our dreams.

**Draw us to yourself, gracious God,
that we may experience your reign among us.**

Amen.

* HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
Amen.

there is no shadow of turning with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Thou change not; thy compassions they fail not.
join with all nature in manifold witness
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
to thy great faithful-ness, mercy, and love.
bless-ings all mine, with ten thousand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faithful-ness! Great is thy faithful-ness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithful-ness, Lord unto me!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Kristy Sawicki

The evil abroad in our land is not far from any of us.
We who claim to have found a better way of life in Jesus Christ
are called to extend life-saving faith to others.
Yet it is so easy to interact with anger, resentment, and self-interest instead.
Let us examine ourselves before God.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.
Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God we face our world with cowardice.
We would rather avoid danger than take a stand against injustice.
We want to enjoy privileges not available to others.
We wish to keep away from all the cries for help that bombard us.
The problems around us are overwhelming.
The distress within us is staggering.
Too often we lash out at others
rather than turning to you for guidance and strength.
Now, in these moments together, we cry out for help.
We want to be your people.
We want to live with a clear conscience and right spirit.
Remake us, loving God.**

(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON #575

Cantor:

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation:

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Commit your ways to God.
Be still and trust, for God will act to transform us when we pray.
Refrain from anger and forsake wrath, for they have no place in God's realm.
Open yourselves instead to the grace, mercy, and peace God offers.
Great is the faithfulness of our God.

Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

* GLORIA #583

Cantor:

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia.

Congregation:

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

Our wealth allows us the joyous opportunity
to invest in ways that will make a difference in the lives of others.
If we see the treasures we have received as private property,
to be used only for our own benefit, they will entrap us. In the church,
we are committed to sharing our faith and the blessings of the Holy Spirit.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

When Speaking Has Ceased

Johanna Anderson
and Craig Courtney

When speaking has ceased and the room has grown still,
When solitude creeps over valley and hill,
The Spirit of God finds a place to alight
And puts our vain fears and our trembling to flight.

O Spirit of God, fill the earth with Your joy,
Give voice to our song that our praise may employ
Your wellspring of peace to fill ev'ry bare space
With sweet notes of gladness and fair tones of grace.

When clamor and noise fill the earth with their sounds,
When harmony flees and loud tumult abounds,
The Spirit of God is not driven away;
He quiets our heart and forever will stay.

O Spirit of God, rising lighter than air,
Lift high to the Lord all the weight of our prayer,
No burden we carry is ever unknown;
No friend of the Spirit is ever alone.

* DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise, God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We are grateful to you, O God, for the faith we have inherited.
We give thanks for the courage and faithfulness of ancestors
who suffered for the gospel that we might know your love.
We join with them in putting our trust in you.
May we match their generosity and self-discipline,
seeking above all else to know your will and do it.
To that end, we dedicate our offerings.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE *All things Come Of Thee* Ira B. Wilson
All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray together:

**Holy God, through Christ Jesus
you bring the light of the gospel into our lives as grace revealed.
Help us to guard this treasure and to share it with others, too,
so that the faith that has lived in our ancestors
and now lives in us may come to life in every new generation.
We pray with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Tanach

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 (Inclusive Bible)

The Oracle that Habakkuk the Prophet
received in a vision.
“How long, YHWH, am I to cry for help
while you do not listen?
How long will I cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear
and you do not save?
Why do you make me look upon injustice?
Why do you countenance tyranny?
Outrage and violence—this is all I see!
All is contention, and discord flourishes.
The law loses its hold,
and justice never shows itself.
The corrupt triumph over those who are righteous,
and justice is perverted once again.”

I will stand on my watchtower,
and take up my post on my battlements,
watching to see what God will say to me,
what answer God will make to my complaints.”
Then YHWH replied, “Write down this vision,
inscribe it legibly on tablets
so that a herald can easily read it,
since this vision will stand as a witness
to the appointed time of judgment;
it gives faithful testimony
about a time that will come.

If it is slow in coming, wait for it—
for come it will, without fail:
“Look—those whose hearts are corrupt
will faint with exhaustion,
while those who steadfastly uphold justice will live.”

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.

With God’s help we are listening.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10 (Inclusive Bible)

The apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith!” Jesus answered,
“If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree,
‘Uproot yourself and plant yourself in the sea,’ and it would obey you.
If one of you had hired help plowing in the fields, would you say to them,
‘Come and sit at my table?’ Wouldn’t you say instead, ‘Prepare my supper.
Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink.
You can eat and drink afterward’?
Would you be grateful to the workers who were just doing their job?
It’s the same with you who hear me.
When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say,
‘We are simple workers. We have done no more than our duty.’”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“How Long, O God, How Long?”


WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HYMN #523


You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL


Refrain D Bm G F#m D/F# Em A D



You sat-is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat;



come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat. *Fine*



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

to Refrain



so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joyce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heaven-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can-not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Submitted together, this text and tune were chosen from about two hundred entries to be the official hymn for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress held at Philadelphia in 1976. At the center of its many biblical images, the third stanza draws on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17.

TEXT: Omer Westendorf, 1976

MUSIC: Robert E. Kreutz, 1976

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BICENTENNIAL

CM with refrain

* INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ's table is wide, and his welcome is for all.
Jesus dined with sinners and saints,
with farmhands and foreigners,
with disciples and doubters,
with children and cherished friends,
with the outcast and the outspoken,
with lepers and loved ones.
And just as he ate at others' tables,
when Christ set his banquet table, he welcomed us all, too.
As we gather around Christ's table,
we are united with all of God's beloved across the world
through the love and grace made known
in bread broken and cup passed.
So come to the table where we witness
Christ's love and peace for all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, God of all Creation,
for the blessing of your earth and all your children,
for the mercies you pour forth
in fresh rains and harvests of plenty,
for joy that comes in the morning.
We are a grateful people.
You created a world of harmony and peace,
but our yearning for power and privilege throughout history
led to division and conflict, suffering and violence.

We give thanks that you sent prophets and poets
to lament and remind,
to bear witness and call us to yet a better way.
To write the vision of a peaceable kingdom for all to see.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope,
we join our voices with those around the world
and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Please be seated)

Holy God, we pray for all in need of healing,
whether it be in body, mind, or spirit...

Megan Price, Gordon Price, Gerald Johnson, Lynne Ginocchio
Phyllis Adams, Debbie Carrick, Thelma Nelson, Addie Singleton,
John Taggart, Edward Nicholson, Laura, Michelle Brown, Terri,
Victoria Walker, Denise Pepe, Victor Rodriguez,
Renita Jackson-Dix, Eileen Kelly, Tony and Annie Carlos, Courtney Knapp,
Mark Corey, Bruce Baunach, JoAnn Hood, Judy and Frank Macuga,
the Jackson-Dix family

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray as our Savior has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

We give you thanks that in the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus
to bear witness to your mercy, grace and love.
In his living, he showed us how to love.
In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy.
In his rising, he granted us grace.

Through the gift of faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed,
his witness rekindles in us the gifts of God,
not so that we can hold onto these gifts for ourselves
but so that we can be united across the globe
as one family of faith gathered around one table,
sharing in one holy meal,
sustained by a love that binds us together in peace.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they did so, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God,
broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying,

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam
hamotzi lekhem min ha'aretz.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who brings forth bread from the earth.

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he also took the cup,
gave thanks to God, and shared it with his disciples, saying,

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam
borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who creates the fruit of the vine.

“Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our many tables
trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred meal together.
May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine
be a reminder of the true joy of communion
that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love.
Sustained by your Word, fed by this holy meal,
may we go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
through Christ our peace.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
and then place the cup back into the tray.
You may then light a candle in petition of prayer
or in remembrance.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Starting from the back of the sanctuary
you are invited to come forward at this time.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

What God Ordains

Josh Bauder

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

We have a holy calling from God, to be lived each day.

Let us serve faithfully, trusting in God's grace.

We have received the promise of life in Christ Jesus.

We want to live with joy and a clear conscience.

God's hands of blessing rest upon each one of us.

The gifts of God are rekindled within and among us.

We are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will share the good news, relying on God's power.

Your faith, however small, holds powerful potential.

Your trust in God will grow as you employ it.

We will sing the praises of our God.

We will seek to know and follow God commands.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Threefold Amen

John Storer

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F major BWV 556

J.S. Bach

*“My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

Psalms 73:26



We continue to keep in our prayers:

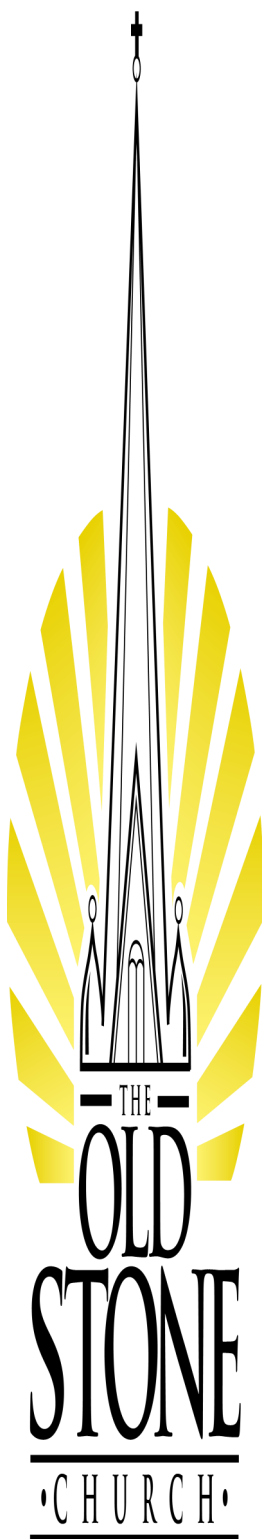
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We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.



Wednesdays at 12:15 PM please join us in the Sanctuary for a Mid-Week Communion Service.



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Sunday October 5

10:00AM Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

11:30AM Deacons Meeting/ Conference Room/First Floor

12:00PM-2PM Blessing of the Animals/Front Steps

Tuesday October 7

7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

Wednesday October 8

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday October 9

2:00PM Worship Committee Meeting/ZOOM

Sunday October 12

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

11:30AM MUW Committee Meeting/Cuyahoga Room

1:00PM Pot Luck Luncheon/Memorial Hall

2:00PM Alzheimer's and Dementia Seminar/Memorial Hall

Tuesday October 14

7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

Wednesday October 15

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday October 16

7:00PM FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

Sunday October 19

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

1:00PM Browns/Dolphins/Huntington Bank Field

Tuesday October 21

7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

Wednesday October 22

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

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The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Kaya Sparks, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Noah Whitaker, *tenor*

Samuel Jungman, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Reese Henrick, *alto*

Morgan Potts, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

Albert Donze, *bass*

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