



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 15, 2025
TRINITY SUNDAY
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

O Lord of Hosts, Whose Glory Fills

Flor Peeters

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

INTROIT

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADELEINE

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God finds delight in humanity, and in each of us.
Let us rejoice before the majesty of our Creator.

**God of grace and glory, who made all things,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope.
Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.

**God of grace and glory, Savior of your people,
how precious to us is your gift of Jesus Christ!**

The Holy Spirit is present to guide and direct us.
Let us listen that we may hear and do what is true.

**God of grace and glory, ever present with us,
how reassuring is the love with which you surround us!**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**Amazing God, revealed to us in more ways than we can count,
yet binding in unity all that was and is and yet shall be, we worship you.
Source of mountains and seas, giver of light and darkness,
we marvel at the work of your hands.**

**Reconciler and Redeemer, we are awed by the forgiving love
that draws us to you and empowers us to care for one another.**

**Spirit of truth, whose guidance is available to us every day,
we rejoice in your transforming presence.**

**Triune God, bless, we pray, this gathering of your disciples.
Amen.**

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Don Urban

Who has truly listened for the voice of God?
Who among us is attentive to the heights and depths
in which we are called to live?
Who are we that God cares for us?
Let us draw near in humility and faith,
confessing the distractions that separate us from the mind of 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

**God of Wisdom, our choices have denied you.
We drink from the shallow water of instant gratification
when you offer springs of living water from the depths of your love.
We pursue our own fame and glory,
which crumble into dust when we view the sacrifice and service
that build true character.
O God, we confess that we have not put first things first.
We have not lived up to the crown of glory and honor you offer us.
Recall us to awe and wonder and guide us in the ways of truth.**
(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The glory of God is revealed anew to us in the birth of children.
We are reborn when we pause to marvel at the gift of life,
when we look beyond ourselves to gaze at the stars.
Before the vast mystery of time and space,
we are amazed that God cares for us, forgives us,
and entrusts to us the stewardship of the earth.
God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
Praise 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.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

Our God, who is mindful of us and our needs,
sends us into the world to attend to the needs of others.

Where there is enmity or suffering or spiritual poverty,
we may become channels through which the Holy Spirit acts.

When we give our earnings, we extend our influence beyond our own reach.

Let us give thankfully and generously.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear You say, "well done."
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, Amen.

* DOXOLOGY #605

Praise to God the Father

DA N'ASE

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
 praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
 Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
 Praise to God Al - mighty - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Don Urban

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Giving God, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty,
for the ways in which we see your glory in all creation.
Most of all, we thank you for caring for us and for entrusting to us
the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another.
May these offerings extend the faith and honor you:
Creator, Savior, and Sustainer.
Amen.**

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All Things Come of Thee

Herbert C. Peabody

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

**Living Word,
you still have many things to say to us.
Speak, and we will try to bear them.
By your Word,
may the Spirit guide us into all truth,
that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (Inclusive Bible)

Doesn't Wisdom call?

Doesn't Understanding raise her voice?

On the hills along the road,

at the crossroads, she takes her stand;

beside the city gates of the town,

in the gates themselves, she cries out,

"Women and Men, people everywhere,

I'm calling out to you!

I cry out to all humankind!

"YHWH gave birth to me in the beginning,

before the first acts of creation.

I have been from everlasting,

in the beginning, before the world began.

Before the deep seas, I was brought forth,
before there were fountains and springs of water;
before the mountains erupted up into place,
before the hills, I was born—
before God created the earth or its fields,
or even the first clods of dirt.
I was there when the Almighty created the heavens,
and set the horizon just above the ocean,
set the clouds in the sky,
and established the springs of the deep,
gave the sea their boundaries
and set their limits at the shoreline.
When the foundation of the earth was laid out,
I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty.
I was God's delight day after day,
rejoicing at being in God's presence continually,
rejoicing in the whole world
and delighting in humankind.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Gospel: John 16:12-15 (Inclusive Bible)

"I have much more to tell you, but you can't bear to hear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth. She won't speak on her own initiative; rather, she'll speak only what she hears, and she'll announce to you things that are yet to come. In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me, for she will take what is mine and reveal it to you. Everything that Abba God has belongs to me. This is why I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and reveal it to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
"Love and Mutuality"

* NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

**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.**

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God's love has been poured into our hearts.
When we give it away, we have even more for ourselves.

The Holy Spirit has blessed us with love.

The Spirit dwells with us and enables our loving.

The Spirit of Truth promises to guide us.

When we respond, our lives are deeply enriched.

God has crowned us with glory and honor.

We are given responsibility to care for God's creation.

Wisdom continues as a partner in creation and re-creation.

Let us praise the one who has dominion over all.

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

We accept the grace and peace God offers.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfried Karg-Elert

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

Psalm 73:26



We continue to keep in our prayers:

Kim Bischel, David Damm, JoAnn Hood, Mary Jane Sykora, Fred Heider,
Judy and Frank Macuga, Harry Hatters, Annie and Tony Carlos,
Donna Sue Buchanan, Shelley Wheeler, Renita Jackson-Dix and family

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.



Please join us for Communion following the service this morning in the Chapel.

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



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday June 15/Trinity Sunday

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday June 17

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

Wednesday June 18

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday June 19/Juneteenth

All Day Building and Offices Closed

7:00 PM FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

Sunday June 22

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

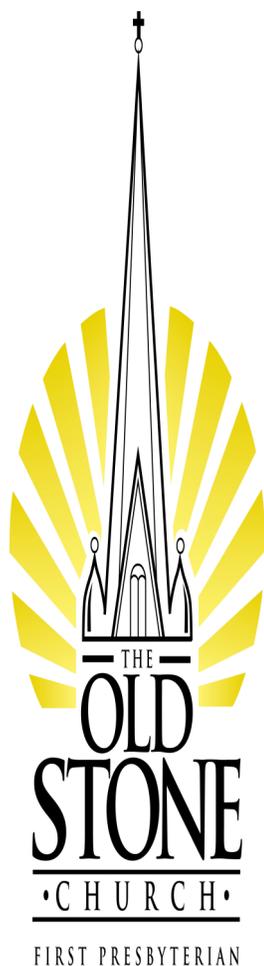
11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday June 24

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

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

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:70 Online:220



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Kaya Sparks, *soprano*

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Elizabeth Moss, *alto*
Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

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