

World Communion Sunday



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

OCTOBER 2, 2022
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Adagio in a-minor* J. S. Bach

WELCOME Pastor Stephen Blonder Adams

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

INTROIT *Louez Le Seigneur* A Cameroon Processional

Louez le Seigneur!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!

Louez son saint nom. Alleluia!

Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Eucharist as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, Asia and in all lands and countries join in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us
to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.

The bread and the fruit of the vine are not for us alone, but are symbols
of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of
oppression.

May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior!

* INVOCATION PRAYER

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all
those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit.
Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition;
unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow
righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNES

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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,
there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,
Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:
As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Janie Chambers

Come, people of God, out of your separateness, to enter into unity with one another, and with all those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ, through the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the fruit of the vine. Come, confessing the sin that separates you from God and from one another.

Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession, followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, of all people and places, we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ. We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom, when they speak in accents other than our own. We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign are as surely your children as we are. Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors express their faith in Christ. We cling to the pride of nation and denomination as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership.

Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us, a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility. Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ, and enable us to incarnate Christ's love, so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ and the fruit of the new covenant.

(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 good news in Christ is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them. The God of peace be with you all, keeping you in unity with Christ's people everywhere, with whom we profess this ancient song of praise.

We praise you, O God.

We acknowledge you as the rightful object of our worship and obedience.

All earth worships you.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.

The goodly company of the prophets praise you.

Day by day we glorify you, and we worship your name forever,
world without end.

Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* GLORIA #581

Glory be to the Father

GREATOREX

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

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Janie Chambers

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

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

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.
draw us into communion,
enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with You
for the world You so deeply love. Amen.

THE READINGS

Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1-14

I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God's plan laid out in the Message of Life by Jesus. I write this to you, Timothy, the son I love so much. All the best from our God and Christ be yours!

Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion.

That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith—and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you! And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

So don't be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all *God's* idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life vindicated in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus.

This is the Message I've been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It's also the cause of all this trouble I'm in. But I have no regrets. I couldn't be more sure of my ground—the One I've trusted in can take care of what he's trusted me to do right to the end.

So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It's as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world, Everything all around us: Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world, So many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.
Praise to thee, O lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower: Look at the sky, The sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river, field and plain:
Praise to thee, O lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer Bringing the harvest before the winters cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season, Til' it is gathered to the father's fold:
Praise to thee, O lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and his the heavens above:
Praise to thee, O lord, for all creation, Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, All things come of thee.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles came up and said to Jesus, the Master, "Give us more faith." But the Master said, "You don't need *more* faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. If you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Go jump in the lake,' and it would do it.

"Suppose one of you has a servant who comes in from plowing the field or tending the sheep. Would you take the servant's coat, set the table, and say, 'Sit down and eat'? Wouldn't you be more likely to say, 'Prepare dinner; change your clothes and wait table for me until I've finished my coffee; then go to the kitchen and have your supper'? Does the servant get special thanks for doing what's expected of them? It's the same with you. When you've done everything expected of you, be matter-of-fact and say, 'The work is done. What we were told to do, we did.'"

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"World without Walls"

* HYMN #530

One Bread, One Body ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless.
And we, though man-y, through-out the
earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.
1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and
free, works, grown, wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one, for all.

to Refrain

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

On this day, especially, when the barriers between people are struck down,
God invites us to join Christians everywhere at the holy banquet table.
This is not my table, nor the Old Stone Church's table, but the table of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ, and all are welcome here.

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.

Author of all life, in whose image each of us is made, hear our prayer of thanks
for all your good gifts. Out of all the people on earth, you took our ancestors and
made them your people. In the deserts of our lives, you have been with us.
You meet us on the mountains and go with us through the valleys.

You supply our every need.

In Jesus Christ, your love for all was made evident. He ate with outcasts,
strengthened the weary, walked with the lonely. He offered his life on our behalf;
was crucified, died, and rose victorious even over death.

Therefore we join our voices

With the voices of all created things,

And with the voices of Your old and faithful friends,

Saints that have gone before us to praise You,

Saying this prayer of thanksgiving and praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty,

The whole universe speaks of Your glory,

O God most high.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the highest!

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he gathered his friends from all walks of life,
wishing to share his last meal with those he loved.

He took a common loaf of bread and made it into the extra-ordinary Bread of Life.

He broke it and shared it with them, saying, "Whenever you eat this, it will bless
you. This bread represents my body which is broken for you.

Take some and eat it."

Then he poured ordinary drink and blessed it. He said, "Drink this, all of you.

It represents my blood offered for you. Remember that your sins are forgiven."

Let us remember together the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, send power upon these gifts, your bread and your cup. Bless them and your people all around the world. As we eat of these common elements, unite our spirits in love for you, and our hearts in love for one another. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, the Sustainer.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we partake.

When we break the bread,
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

When we give thanks over the cup,
is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

(Distribution of the elements)

COMMUNION ANTHEM:

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gje

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amore.
Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur,
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad I it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, for making one people out of many.
Thank you for your love in Jesus, who invites us to his table,
a people forgiven. Look upon us as we leave this feast,
that the union we have shared here not be forgotten,
but be used to strengthen our bonds with all your people. Amen.

* HYMN #817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

* BENEDICTION 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's commands.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in C-Major (The Great)

J. S. Bach

*"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:

Marianne Jones and Len Lybarger, Jean English, and the mother of Kathleen Gus
We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound.

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



A New Fellowship Opportunity Dinners for 6,7 or 8

We are launching a new Fellowship activity called Dinners for 6,7, or 8 and inviting all to participate. These dinners provide an opportunity for a small group of couples and singles to come together for a meal, perhaps some spiritual discussion, and just plain fellowship to get to know one another better and have an enjoyable evening.

Small groups, organized by a volunteer coordinating group, have several get-togethers over a period of about six months. Each couple or individual take responsibility for hosting or arranging one gathering. The meals can be served at the organizer's home, a pot-luck dinner, or a dinner out, depending on the choices the group makes.

At the end of the first six or so months, the groups are reshuffled and another set of gatherings is planned.

The people involved may expand as we get into the program. Friends and neighbors may be added for a specific time. This can be helpful in welcoming new people, who, in turn, may decide to become more involved with Old Stone.

If you have an interest in joining in, please contact Fred Heider at 330-958-0483 or marilynmccl@aol.com.

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Emma Nossem, *alto*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

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Seth Hobi, *bass*

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