



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

OCTOBER 30, 2022  
 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 REFORMATION SUNDAY

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Out of the Depths I Cry Unto Thee* J. S. Bach

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE Bob Heath

INTROIT *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.  
 For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered today in search of reformation.

**We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.**

We stand fearless at the edge of change.

**For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.**

Be still and know that God is God.

**God is our rock and our redeemer.**

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Living God, we pray this day that the church universal may heed  
the gospel call to be a people understanding of others,  
patient toward those with whom we differ,  
and loving toward those who are outwardly and inwardly  
hostile to us and to others.

May we celebrate Reformation Sunday as a re-forming of those truths  
which are the building blocks not of dissent, but of reconciliation and peace.  
May the ministry of our family of faith and of the universal family  
be enlivened by the image of Jesus Christ,  
the life of the church and the world!  
Amen.

\* HYMN #275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -  
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through  
mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Dorothy Baunach

Our festivals and solemn assemblies are offensive to God  
 when we come with hardened hearts and with blood on our hands.  
 God will not listen to the words of our prayers  
 when our hearts are not tuned to the Spirit.  
 God's welcome is for those who are penitent.  
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,  
 followed by time for personal silent confession.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we confess our participation in the hatred and evil  
 that is consuming this planet.  
 We gladly accept for ourselves the power and advantages  
 that come our way.  
 We seldom consider the cost to others of our prosperity.  
 We tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness for people we do not know.  
 We think our small efforts too insignificant to make a difference.  
 Wash away, O God, the evil that paralyzes us,  
 that we may become rescuers of the oppressed and seekers after justice.  
 Create in us a right spirit that prompts us to live by faith  
 and to dare great things for you. Amen.

*(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

Grace and peace from God who loves us and equips  
us to become all we were meant to be.  
God is even now working in us to make us worthy  
of our high calling in Jesus Christ.  
Today salvation has come to this house, and we are all being changed.

**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 #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

Jesus Christ came into the world to seek and save the lost.  
Sometimes those who have much are lost in their possessions.  
The offering becomes the high point of worship when we are  
centered on the steadfast love of God.  
Then our possessions become instruments of grace, for us and for others,  
and the lost are found.  
At this time the offering will be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Behold Now, Praise The Lord*

Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord.  
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,  
even in the courts of the house of our God.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

\* 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

Dorothy Baunach

Let us pray:  
Seeking God, all that we have is yours.  
All your children are our brothers and sisters.  
We are all inheritors of your grace. You have blessed us abundantly.  
Now bless what we have been moved to share,  
that our love for one another may increase. 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

Let us pray together:

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

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 1:10-18 (NRSV updated version)

Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!  
Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;  
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls  
or of lambs or of goats.  
When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more!  
Bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.  
When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove your evil deeds  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil;  
learn to do good;  
seek justice;  
rescue the oppressed;  
defend the orphan;  
plead for the widow.



Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the LORD:  
If your sins are like scarlet,  
will they become like snow?  
If they are red like crimson,  
will they become like wool?

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

#### ANTHEM

*Be Thou My Vision*

Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, Save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought In the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, Be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, And I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, And I with thee one.  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;  
Great heart of my heart, what ever be fall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

#### Gospel

Luke 19:1-10 (NRSV updated version)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

#### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Reformed and Always Reforming"



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



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 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
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 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



In my heart, in my heart,  
 In my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

## A LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

*This litany for Reformation Sunday is composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
**the holy catholic Church;**  
**the communion of saints.**

Nicene Creed  
Apostles' Creed

This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal,  
because it contains the chosen of all ages,  
of all realms, nations, and tongues,  
be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles,  
who have communion and society with God the Father,  
and with the Son, Christ Jesus,  
through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Scots Confession

**We believe that,**  
**from the beginning to the end of the world,**  
**and from among the whole human race,**  
**the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word,**  
**gathers, protects, and preserves for himself,**  
**in the unity of the true faith,**  
**a congregation chosen for eternal life.**

Heidelberg Catechism

The Church is an assembly of the faithful Second  
called or gathered out of the world;  
a communion of all saints,  
namely, of those who truly know  
and rightly worship and serve  
the true God in Christ the Savior,  
by the Word and Holy Spirit,  
and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits  
which are freely offered through Christ.

Helvetic Confession

**The visible Church,**  
**which is also catholic or universal under the gospel,**  
**consists of all those throughout the world**  
**that profess the true religion,**  
**together with their children;**  
**and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ;**  
**the house and family of God.**

Westminster Confession of Faith



The visible church has the privilege  
of being under God's special care and government;  
of being protected and preserved in all ages,  
notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies;  
and of enjoying the communion of saints,  
the ordinary means of salvation,  
and offers of grace by Christ, to all members of it,  
in the ministry of the gospel,  
testifying that whosoever believes in him shall be saved,  
and excluding none that will come unto him.

Larger Catechism

**The church's commission,  
upon which its freedom is founded,  
consists in delivering the message  
of the free grace of God  
to all people in Christ's stead,  
and therefore in the ministry  
of his own Word and work  
through sermon and Sacrament.**

Theological Declaration of Barmen

The church confesses its faith  
when it bears a present witness  
to God's grace in Jesus Christ.  
The life, death, resurrection,  
and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
The church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve  
is to confess Christ as Lord.

Confession of 1967

**With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Brief Statement of Faith

## 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

\* HYMN #321

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.  
2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.  
her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:  
and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.  
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Hurry home, for a guest awaits you there.

Jesus Christ wants to stay at your house today.

**We give thanks to God for this gift of grace.**

**May our homes be places of self-sacrificing love.**

Greet the challenges of this week as opportunities.

Let your faith grow as your love for others increases.

**We will pray for one another as we serve.**

**We will look to God for the strength we need.**

God will fulfill your good resolves and works of faith.

The name of Jesus Christ will be glorified in you.

**Today salvation has come to this house.**

**Today our homes are being blessed by Christ's presence.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

Peter Lutkin

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfried Karg-Ellert

*"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:**

Marianne Jones and Len Lybarger, Jean English, Dianne Young,  
Cheryl Cairns and her grandson Asher Cairns, Jackie Acho, Melvina Bishop,  
Janet Picetti Falcone, George Hood, Bertha Nunn, Twilyn Teasley  
Wayne Seaman and his family, Tony Wynn, brother of Charles Wynn,  
and we pray for our country, our city, and our leaders.

Karl Johnson and the family of Alynn Mahle, Kathleen Gus and her family on the  
death of her father, Leslie Massey and the family of Mary McManamon,  
family and friends of Wayne E. Seaman

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary McManamon,  
may her memory be a blessing.

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.*

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All contributions are tax-deductible and will be appropriately acknowledged at year-end.

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### The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Andrew J. Schoenhofer, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

McKenna Jones, *alto*

Emma Nossem, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Joseph K. Breslau, *bass*

Seth Hobi, *bass*

### Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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