

THE OLD STONE CHURCH

AUGUST 7, 2022

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WITH BAPTISM AND COMMUNION

10 AM Sanctuary Worship



WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

Prayer of St. Patrick

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather before God, people of the covenant.
Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones.

God has summoned us to this place.

We believe God will speak to us here.

Come to honor God and give thanks.

Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

We come as willing and obedient servants.

Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us.

God calls us as workers for justice.

God sends us out as advocates for the dispossessed.

We are here to be equipped for ministry.

We expect to be empowered for our service.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

For the rich heritage we have received from your hand,
we are grateful, O God.
You have fashioned our hearts and observed our deeds.
Now we come together, awaiting further instructions from your Word.
Teach us here what we need to know in order to live faithfully
in this troubled world.
Lead us beyond the routines of worship to a genuine,
life-changing encounter with you.

Amen.

* HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Pete Maffia

Is this another solemn assembly of people who are quite content
with ourselves and unable to confront our hidden sin?
Do we live in self-protective rebellion against God's call to rescue the oppressed
and devote our selves to seeking justice for all?
Have we become a burden to God?
Let us join our voices in corporate confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards
and values rather than seeking to know your will.
We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm.
Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more
than on your mission in which we can share.
Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion,
that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored.
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

Wash yourselves until you are clean.
Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, turn from evil to do good.
As you share in God's agenda,
your sins of scarlet become as pure as new-fallen snow.
God is pleased to welcome you into that realm where all are blessed
and where true treasures can be found.

Alleluia and Amen!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

Elizabeth Lee Hayden and Quinn Joseph Hayden

* 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

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
When you invest generously in the work to which God calls us,
your whole life is drawn into fulfilling relationships with God
and with the people you are helping. Do not be afraid to share.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Robert Lau

People and tongues of every nation sing to the Lord a new song.
Bring Him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song.
All God's creatures, old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love.
He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song.
Mountains and hills and all creation, sing to the Lord a new song.
Join the song. Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song.

Praise His name, sing "Alleluia!" Praise Him for His mighty deeds.

This is the song, our supplication: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Praise him shining stars, and praise Him highest heavens.

Oh, all kings and princes praise his holy name.

Angels above make melody to him. Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing!

Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song.

Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song.

Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; dance your dance and shout for joy.

Make music now as heaven rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song.

Psalms 148, 149, 150, paraphrased

* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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

Thank you, God, for welcoming us into your caring realm,
where we claim the needs of others as our concern.

We are finding a homeland in your service and we are grateful.

Above all, may our offerings be an outpouring of thanksgiving
for a God who does not forget us.

Your promises are sure and your faithfulness is to all generations.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**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 [Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#) (Pg. 242 or LP Pg. 225)
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh Lord.
I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.
Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.
And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hands.
Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?
Oh Lord, I stretch my hands to you. Amen.

Gospel [Luke 12:32-40](#) (Pg. 76 or LP Pg. 75)
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams
"Who or What has your heart?"

* HYMN #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (Please see insert)

* HYMN #321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELLA

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Enter your everyday world dressed for action.

Let your lamps of faith light up the world.

We are ready to meet God at home and at work.

We are ready to serve wherever we are.

God, whose Word prepared vast worlds beyond our knowing,
welcomes us as covenant partners in this world.

Direct our steps, O God, and we will obey.

We respond to your promises in faith and trust.

Work for justice and peace where you live.

Let your prayers embrace those in need.

God is our assurance and our peace.

God is the light along our way.

* 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 a-minor

J. S. Bach

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