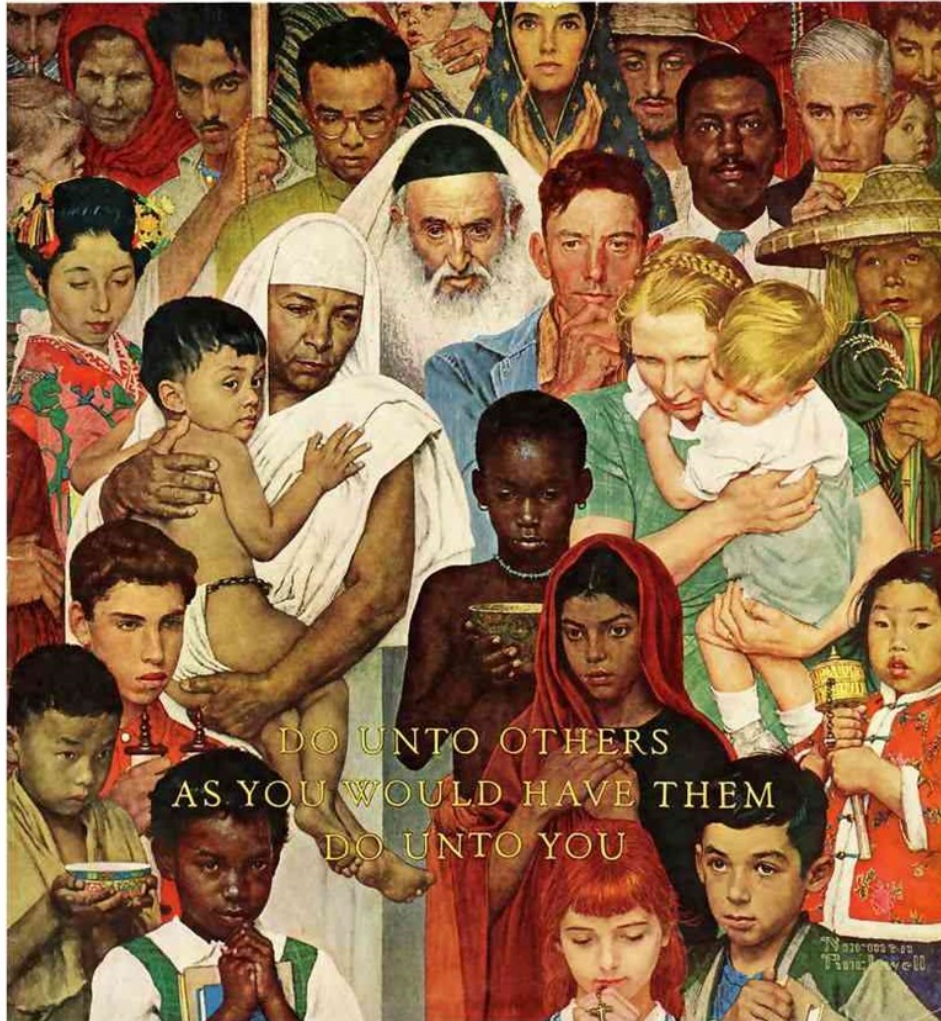


The Saturday Evening  
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**THE NEW UTAH**  
My Adventures Among the U.S. Senators  
By DEAN ACHESON



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	<i>Nearer, My God, to Thee</i>	Clay Christiansen
WELCOME		Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Beth Buchanan

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.  
Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

**This is a place where all belong.**

**This is a time when all are accountable to God.**

The Maker of all seeks our common good.  
The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

**We are not judges over our sisters and brothers.**

**We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.  
Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

**We bring all our needs to God, our hope.**

**We want to share faith and hope with others.**

## \* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**Author of all humankind,**

**come to lift us up to our full humanity as we worship you in this hour.**

**You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways.**

**You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts.**

**You are aware of the distinctions we make  
and the favoritism we express.**

**Yet you welcome us, not as strangers but as heralds of your reign.**

**We want to worship you and to represent you well.**

**Come among us now with your transforming power.**

**Amen.**

## \* HYMN #649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

## AMAZING GRACE

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



**CHOCTAW**

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
Ishmminti pulla cha  
hatak ilbusha pia ha  
is pi yukpalashke.*

**CREEK**

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
ah non ah cha pa kas  
cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
um e ha ta la yus.*

**NAVAHO**

*Nizhónítigo joo bá diits' a'  
yisdáshítinígí,  
lah yóóíiyá, k'ad  
shénáhoosdzin,  
doo eesh'íy da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie  
MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

AMAZING GRACE  
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**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

Harriet Niles

The Holy One who opens eyes and ears,  
makes the mute to speak,  
and delivers the tormented from demons within—  
invites us to seek the healing we need.  
God reigns in spite of us, but longs for our participation in faith-filled ministries.  
Let us confess our estrangement from the One who offers us true freedom.  
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,  
followed by time for silent personal confession.  
Thus, we pray together:

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we confess that our good intentions have gone astray.  
We favor the people who are like us  
and honor those we deem to be important.  
We dishonor the poor, write off those with whom we disagree,  
excuse our self-serving behavior, and sow injustice on every hand.  
It is so much easier to give advice than to do good.  
We would rather point fingers at others who are unfair  
than to give up our own advantages.  
O God, we plead for your forgiveness and for a depth of faith  
that will make a difference in us and in our world.**

*(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

Jordan Ware

When we show mercy,  
we are able to accept God's mercy,  
which triumphs over judgment.  
God can turn our waywardness upside down  
and set us on the path of true community  
with those whom we have disdained or ignored.  
God opens our minds and hearts  
to hear and understand those who need our help.  
God empowers our response.

**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

Please be seated.

Hear again the proverb:

"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor."

What a joy we can know when our thankfulness exceeds our acquisitiveness,  
and our concern for others outweighs our greed!

We are invited to share what we have received.

The offering will now be received.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*He Stooped to Bless*

Edward Margetson

He stooped to bless, and stooping raised us. And the tenderness which looked  
in pity on a world of sin, long years ago, still waits in love to call the nations in.

Till all shall know that man may rise in Him to holiness.

Because He stooped so low.

### \* 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

Harriet Niles

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We give because you have been generous to us, gracious God.**

**We give because we need to give  
in order to realize your image within us.**

**We give to feed the hungers of body and soul  
that are all around us and deep within.**

**May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members,  
our community, and our world.**

**Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**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

**Holy God, whose Spirit comes to us  
in moments of strength and weakness,  
come now into our midst that we might be able to hear your Word  
in fullness and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE READINGS

Epistle

James 2: 1-17 (First Nations Version)

My sacred family members, as you trust in our bright and shining Honored Chief, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One, do not treat one person better than another. Let us say someone comes into your sacred gathering wearing fine clothes and costly jewelry, and some poor person comes in dressed in rags. Then you give more honor to the one wearing the fine clothes, saying, "Come, sit here in this honored place," but you say to the one dressed in rags, "Go, stand over there," or, "Sit here on the floor where people lay their feet." If you treat people in this way, have you not decided that some among you are better than others and acted like crooked council members with bad hearts? Hear me, my much loved sacred family members! Did not the Great Spirit choose the ones the world looks down on as poor to be rich in trusting and sharers together in the good road that Creator has promised to those who love him? Why would you show no respect for the poor. Is it not the rich who drag you down and bring you before their own corrupt councils? Are they not the ones who speak evil against the Honorable Name spoken over you?

If you "love your fellow human beings in the same way you love yourselves," as it says in the Sacred Teachings, you are doing well, for you are walking in the true meaning and purpose of the law of our Honored Chief. But if you treat one person better than another, you are walking in broken ways and guilty of not following our Sacred Teachings. For whoever does everything our tribal law requires yet fails in one thing is guilty of breaking all of it. The one who told us to be faithful in marriage also told us not to take the life of another. If you are faithful in marriage but take away the life of another, you have become one who fails to keep the law. In all that you say and do, remember that it is the Chosen One's law of freedom that Creator will use to decide for or against you. When the Great Spirit decides, no mercy will be shown to those who have not shown mercy. On the other hand, the ones who have shown mercy will have mercy shown them. So then, Mercy wins the victory over judgment.

What good is it, my sacred family members, if a man says, “I have faith,” but has no deeds to show for it? Can that kind of “faith” set him free and make him whole? If a family member or any human being has no clothes to wear or no food to eat, and you say, “Go in peace; stay warm and eat well,” but fail to give what is needed, what good have you done? In the same way, without deeds, faith by itself is dead.

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

**With God’s help we are listening.**

Gospel

Mark 7:24-37 (First Nations Version)

From there, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) journeyed into the territory of Rock Land (Tyre) and Hunting Grounds (Sidon). He wanted to keep away from the crowds, so he found a house to stay out of sight but was unable to stay hidden. A woman came to him who had a daughter with an unclean spirit in her. As soon as she heard about Creator Sets Free (Jesus), she came and humbled herself before him. She was an Outsider from the territory along the coastline of the Great Middle Sea (Mediterranean). She begged Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to force the evil spirit out of her daughter. “The children must be fed first,” he said “It is not right to take the children’s portion and throw it to the dogs.” “But Wisdom Keeper,” she answered back, “even the dogs under the table can eat the children’s crumbs.” “Because your words are well chosen,” he replied, “you may return home. You will find that the evil spirit has left your daughter.” The woman went home and found her daughter resting on her sleeping mat—the evil spirit had left her.

From the Territory of Rock Land (Tyre) Creator Sets Free (Jesus) went through Hunting Grounds (Sidon) to the Lake of Circle of Nations (Sea of Galilee) in the territory of the Ten Villages (Decapolis). The people who lived there brought a man who could not hear or speak right. They begged Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to lay his hands on him. So he took the man away from the crowd. When he was alone with him, he put his fingers into the man’s ears, and then spit and touched the man’s tongue. He then looked up into the spirit-world above, let out a deep breath, and said, “Ephphatha!” which means, “Be opened.” Right then the man’s ears were opened, and his tongue was released. He could now hear and speak clearly! Creator Sets Free (Jesus) then instructed the people to tell no one. But the more he told them not to, the more they told the story to others. The people were amazed beyond belief and full of wonder. “He does all things well!” they told everyone. “He even heals the ones who cannot hear or speak!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Faith thru Being”

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
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.**

**Don't do unto others  
what you don't want  
done unto you.**

CONFUCIUS



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

We are commissioned as carriers of love.

The attention we give to others is contagious.

**We seek to honor all people by listening to them.**

**We want to provide practical help to those in need.**

We are sent out to do good and to be merciful.

Our trust is in God, who equips us to serve.

**We seek to minister impartially.**

**Both friends and strangers are our concern.**

Be strong, fear not, for God will save.

Those who trust God will realize God's blessing.

**God has blessed us with a good name.**

**We are heirs of God's dominion forever.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. Frederick Swann

*“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:**

Sunny Kunche, Eleanor Cicerchi, Harry Hatters,  
Laurel Ashdown, Chelsea and Kyle, Rev. Jason Thompson,  
The Jackson-Dix family, the Brownfield family, the Kordalski 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.*



# A Priceless Invitation

**The 2025 Stewardship Campaign**  
**Please RSVP to your Priceless Invitation as soon as possible.**



## Getting Your House In Order

Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 1:30 PM

Please sign up if you plan to attend this very important workshop.  
Signup sheets are outside the Chapel doors.

Please note that a potluck luncheon will be held before the workshop.

## @ Old Stone Church

### **Sunday September 8**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

**4:25PM** Browns/Cowboys

### **Wednesday September 11**

**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

### **Thursday September 12**

**2:00PM** Worship Committee Meeting/ZOOM

### **Saturday September 14**

**11:00AM** New Member Retreat/Chapel

### **Sunday September 15**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary /Homecoming Sunday

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

**11:30AM** Potluck Luncheon/Memorial Hall/  
Welcome and Fellowship Committee

**1:30PM** HWR Getting Your House in Order/Heidi Barham

**1:40PM** Guardians/Rays

### **Wednesday September 18**

**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

### **Thursday September 19**

**7:00PM FPS** Directors Meeting/Conference Room

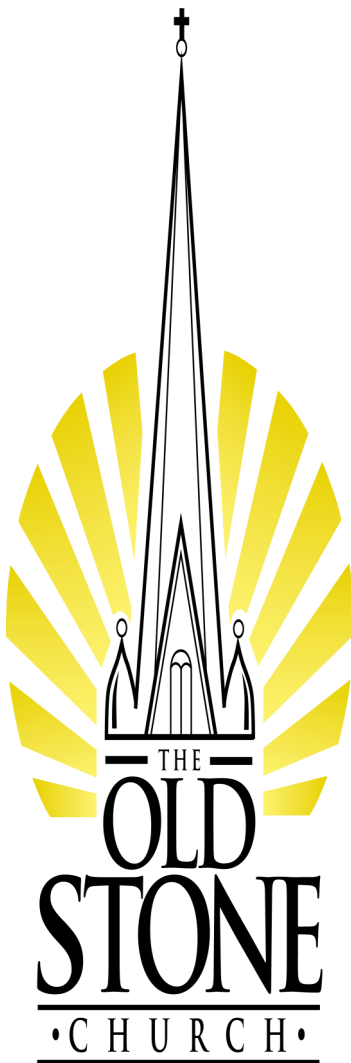
### **Sunday September 22**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

**11:30AM** Deacons Meeting/Conference Room/First floor

**1:00PM** Browns/Giants



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

**Last Sunday Attendance** In-Person:122 Online:216

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Mail to: Old Stone Church Attn: Financial Office 91 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44113	Checks should be made payable to "Old Stone Church." If you would like to designate your contribution to one of Old Stone's mission projects, please make a note on the memo line.

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**Parish Associate:** Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

**Minister of Music:** David L. Dettloff

### The Old Stone Quartet

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

### Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

#### Class of 2024

Michelle Baron  
Janie Chambers  
Fred Heider  
Bernard Medie  
Bob Reid

#### Class of 2025

Dorothy Baunach  
Willie Brown  
David Eifert  
Dave Finley  
Robert Hubert Jr.

#### Class of 2026

Beth Buchanan  
Judy Macuga  
Melissa Maffia  
Harriet Niles  
Marty Vassel

### Church Deacons:

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John Wheeler

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Eileen Kelly  
Elie Medie  
Mark Pichler

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Forrest Diehl  
Pam Daly  
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