



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JULY 13, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

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.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls together a divine council to render judgment.

God holds a plumb line to measure our faithfulness.

Who can stand before the judgments of God?

How shall we know what God expects of us?

Lift up your prayers for God's mercy.

Earnestly seek to know the ways of truth and salvation.

Can we distinguish faithfulness from popular success?

What must we do to inherit eternal life?

God's judgment comes to all nations of the earth.

God's covenant with us involves care for all people.

Will God deliver us from the hands of the wicked?

Will God put an end to wanton treachery?

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, we tremble with the knowledge

that you know all our thoughts and deeds

and judge them by your perfect will.

Yet we are bold to protest the evil around us

that seems to go unpunished.

So many innocent and good people die randomly or suffer cruelly.

How long will you judge unjustly

and show partiality to the wicked?

O God, we know this is really your question for us.

Help us to take seriously these moments of encounter with you,
knowing we can trust you to be just.

Amen.

* HYMN #203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

Capo 3: (D)

Refrain F (A7) C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) F (D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7 (D) F Fine

us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1997, alt.
MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982
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CHEREPONI
7.7.9 with refrain

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Ted Sawicki

God rightfully expects more from us
who call ourselves the church of Jesus Christ.
Are we tempted to conform to ways we observe around us?
The plumb line hangs straight across all our excuses.
How do we measure up before the law 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

**Righteous God,
we confess our easy compliance with ways of the world.
We are happy to accept advantages for ourselves
that are unavailable to many.
We do not call oppressors to account
or recognize our own oppressive ways.
We pass by many who suffer,
as if their suffering were no concern of ours.
Our practice of faith gives neither offense nor inspiration.
We are troubled when we see ourselves this way.
Redeem us, O God!**

(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

We are rescued from the shadows of our sinfulness
by the grace of Jesus Christ.
There is forgiveness for all who accept the gracious gift of a loving God.
We open ourselves now to receive anew the gospel in all its power.
We will share in the inheritance of the saints
as we become good neighbors to the weak and needy,
the lonely and destitute, whom God loves along with us.

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.

You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your strength, and with all your mind;
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

This love motivates our giving.

As God has loved us,

we return that love in our offering of energy, time, and resources.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ain'-a That Good News!

William L. Dawson

I got a crown up in-a the kingdom, Ain't-a that good news!
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain't-a that good news!

I got a harp up in-a the kingdom..
I got a robe up in-a the kingdom..
I got a Saviour up in-a the kingdom...

* DOXOLOGY #605

Praise to God the Father

DA N'ASE

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spirit:
Praise to the Three-in-One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ted Sawicki

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**May these gifts and our lives bear fruit in many good works,
increasing among all people knowledge of God,
patience and endurance, wisdom and understanding, love and joy.
We would act with compassion toward one another
and toward neighbors near and far.
Thankful for the mercy you have shown us,
we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy to all.
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

**O God, as we receive your Word
through your Holy Spirit,
open our eyes to your justice,
open our ears to your judgement,
open our hearts to your love.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle

Colossians 1:1-14 (Inclusive Bible)

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Timothy,
To the holy and faithful sisters and brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace and peace to you from our Loving God.

We always give thanks to the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ whenever we pray for you, ever since we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you show toward all the holy ones, because of the hope stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that you heard of this, when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News which has reached you is spreading all over the whole world; it is producing the same fruit there as it did among you, ever since you heard about God's grace and understood what it really is. Epaphras, who taught you, is one of our closest co-workers and a faithful laborer of Christ on our behalf, and it was he who told us all about your love in the Spirit.

Therefore, since the day we heard about you, we've been praying for you unceasingly and asking that you attain the full knowledge of God's will, in perfect wisdom and spiritual understanding. Then you'll lead a life worthy and pleasing to our God in every way. You'll multiply good works of every sort and grow in the knowledge of God. And by the might of God's glory you'll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen. Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

With God's help we are listening.

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” The expert on the Law replied, “You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you’ll live.”

But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: “And just who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; the priest saw the traveler lying beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler, and filled with compassion, approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, ‘Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I’ll repay you on the way back.’ Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?” The answer came, “The one who showed compassion.” Jesus replied, “then go and do the same.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Go and Do Likewise.”



* 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 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

TEXT: William W. Reid Jr., 1958, alt.

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
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* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Creator.

Continue this day your love for all the saints.

We will love God with our whole being.

We will care for ourselves and others as God's children.

Be filled with spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Bear fruit and grow in good works by God's power.

We pray for discernment and empowerment.

We seek to live with patience, endurance, and joy.

God's compassion surrounds you today and always.

Live as people delivered from the power of evil.

We acknowledge the dominion of Jesus Christ among us.

We will carry the spirit of Christ within us.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F-Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

*“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:

Scheem Hempstead, Kim Bischel, David Damm, JoAnn Hood,
Fred Heider, Judy and Frank Macuga,
Shelley Wheeler

We pray for the lives affected by the flooding in Texas and New Mexico

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 July 13

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

12:00PM Tony Kordalski Memorial Service/Sanctuary

2:00PM CMA Tour/Welcome and Fellowship Committee

Tuesday July 15

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

Wednesday July 16

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday July 17

7:00 PM FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room/First Floor

Sunday July 20

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

11:30AM Deacons Meeting/Conference Room/First Floor

1:40PM Guardians/Athletics/Progressive Field

4:00PM Celebrity Chef-Rocco Whalen/Memorial Hall

Tuesday July 22

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

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

Wednesday July 23

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

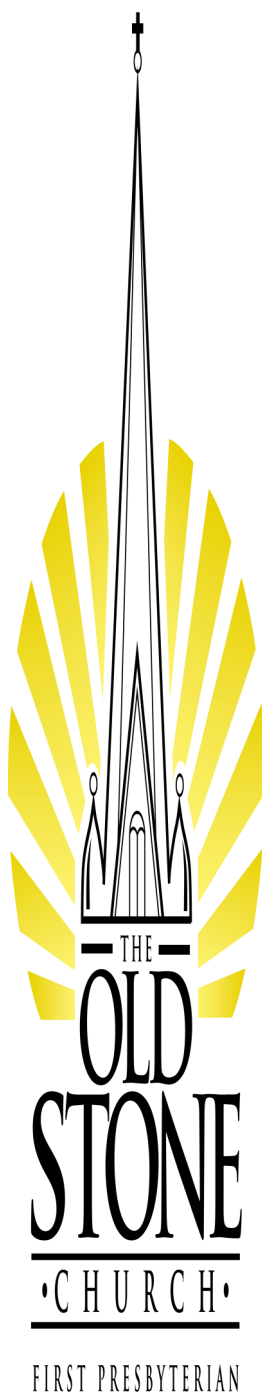
12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Friday July 25

4:00PM Rolston-Kaur Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Saturday July 26

2:00 PM Rolston-Kaur Wedding/Sanctuary



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Morgan Potts, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

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