

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • October 4, 2020**  
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

During this worship service we are invited to receive the elements of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. To participate with us, please have available a bit of bread or crackers, and some kind of juice or beverage.

**Welcome**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and  
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

**Prelude**

*The Church's One Foundation*

Stone and Wesley

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise the LORD in the heights.  
Praise the LORD, all you holy angels;  
praise the LORD, all heavenly host.  
Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for the name of the LORD only is exalted,  
and the splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.

**Hymn 2**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.  
Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.  
Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.  
To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

**Prayer of the Day**

God of mercy, have mercy on us. God of wisdom, illumine our minds. God of light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. God of Power, be our refuge and our strength, now and forever. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## Homily

*Fruits of the kingdom*

## Offertory

*Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Mark Hayes

## Announcements and Prayer Concerns

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Including the *Lord's Prayer*, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

## Hymn 515

*I Come with Joy*

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## Charge and Benediction

**Postlude**

*This is the Day*

*arr. Mark Hayes*