



**Sunday, October 3, 2021 ~ World Communion Sunday**  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

### Way of the Week

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**18. ASK FOR HELP.** Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

*"Each time He said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me."*  
(II Corinthians 12:9)

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

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Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Songs of Praise

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Worship Team

*Lift You Higher*  
*You Are Good*

### Prayer of Confession

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Paul Savage

The Spirit is here:

**The promise of God.**

Let us pray. *(The people kneel if able.)*

**Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness and know the shadow of our hearts. Cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayer and reflection*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Savage

*The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Holy Table and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.*

All our problems

**We send to the cross of Christ.**

All our difficulties

**We send to the cross of Christ.**

All the devil's works

**We send to the cross of Christ.**

All our hopes

**We set on the risen Christ.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Moment for Stewardship & Offertory

Rich & Melissa Corbin

*Please continue your faithful giving as we look to begin our program year. Your tithes and offerings allow us to fully support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box by the doors. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made from the Church Center app on your smart phone.*

## Praise Song

Worship Team

***More Than Anything***

## Sermon

Dr. Bruce Main

***Time to Unwrap Your Gifts***

Scripture Text: [Exodus 4:2-5 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Now is the Time

## Communion Song

Klah Doteh

***Imela (Thank You)***

by Nathaniel Bassey

*When I think upon Your goodness and Your faithfulness each day,  
I'm convinced it's not because I am worthy to receive the kind of love that You give.  
But I'm grateful for Your mercy; and I'm grateful for Your grace.  
And because of how You've poured out Yourself, I have come to sing this song out in praise.  
Imela, imela. Okaka, onyekeruwa. Imela, imela. Eze mo.  
Who am I to sing Your praises? Who am I to worship You?  
It's Your blood that makes the difference in me and made a way to enter into Your throne.  
I could not come near Your presence. I could never sing Your song.  
But the sacrifice on Calvary's tree is the reason I can cry out today.  
Imela, imela! Okaka, oyenkeruwa. Imela, imela! Eze mo. (2X)  
Oyendikagi? Ekene diri gi onyene mema. Onyedikagi? Ekene diri gi onye nagworio. (4X)  
Imela, imela! Okaka, oyenkeruwa. Imela, imela. Eze mo. (2X)*

## Communion

Rev. Wes Allen

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Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Benediction and Going Forth

Dr. Main

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## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Audio:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Livestream:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Rebecca Neindorff-Keys; Charles Bass-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums
<b>Vocals:</b>	Michelle Davis
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Debbie Heller and Barbara Wetherill
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave Barr and Jason Rose
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Patrick McIlroy

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Frederick & Roberta Crane, by Peg Madorno.

**Check-ins:** Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

**New Protocols:** Session approved revised COVID-19 safety protocols to be in place through October. Masks will be mandatory for everyone when gathering indoors. This applies to worship and all indoor meetings. Congregational singing has been discontinued; singers will be masked; and those who attend in-person will be distanced. We will not serve or eat food indoors. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

**Sunday School Classes:** Children's Sunday School (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades) meets from 9:45-10:45 a.m., where children learn about the Word of God. Children and teachers are asked to wear face masks. *Nursery* - Room 12 (Amy Coombe); *Grades K-1* - Room 13 (Jenny Legath/Karen Alecxih); *Grades 2-3* - Room 10 (Tamara Trzeciak/Lori Bell); *Grades 4, 5-6* - Room 3-4 (Leslie Spencer/Philip Jagiela).

**Adult Education:** Join Lorenzo Eagles and Rev. Wes Allen on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45, in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for our fall Adult Education hour. Each week we will dive headfirst into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week's sermon text. A study guide is provided electronically on the church website.

- Week Four: October 10 – Luke 12:13-21

**Register online for Kids Groups and Youth Groups:** SIGN UP on the Current Events page of our website for 2021-2022 fellowship groups for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade:

- High School (grades 9-12) meets Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (*starts October 3*)
- Kingdom Kids (grades K-3) meet Wednesdays from 4:45-5:45 p.m. (*starts October 6*)
- Crossing Zone (grades 4-6) meet Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (*starts October 6*)
- Middle School (grades 7-8) meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (*starts October 6*)

**The Engagement Project:** This study meets on Wednesday evenings at the church. When we draw near to God and contemplate His divine nature, it exposes us as it did Isaiah. It also awakens us to His Truth, which transforms us and calls us to engage the world around us. After we engage, we seek to restore the Truth of God in all areas of life. [Sign up online on our Events page.](#)

**Show your appreciation to our Pastors and program Staff** for Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 10. Bring a note or card with you or write one at church that day. Kids: draw a picture, too! They'd LOVE that.

**Prayer Vigil** – Saturday, **October 16 – 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.:** The Prayer Committee has organized a Vigil to pray for Consecration Sunday (Oct. 17) and Church Has Left the Building (Oct. 24). If you would like to commit to praying for these two upcoming events, you can sign up for a time through our website.

**Now is the Time:** Sunday, October 17 is **Consecration Sunday** - COMBINED 9:30 a.m. Worship. Dedicate your 2022 *Estimate of Giving* card prayerfully during worship. If you are unable to attend, mail your estimate to the office, place in the offering ahead of time, complete online, or drop off after worship in a Drive-Through Dedication and be blessed by our Pastors (*11:30 am-Noon*). After worship, gather at an outdoor coffee hour in the courtyard and enjoy L&M donuts!

*Save the Date* of October 24 for our **Church Has Left the Building** event this year!

**The Goal of Stephen Ministry** is to provide distinctively Christian lay ministry to people in need. We will be starting a new class for those who would like to train to be a Stephen Minister, beginning on Monday, October 25. We will meet in person at the church. If you are interested in more information about this class, [sign up online](#) or contact Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or [d.kahley@verizon.net](mailto:d.kahley@verizon.net).