

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.  
*(Matthew 18:20, NRSV)*

# A Hazardous Vineyard

*Matthew 21:33-46*

**Welcome and Announcements**

<b>Prelude / Hymn</b>	"People Need the Lord"	Choir	<b>Ricky Tipps</b>
<b>*Opening prayer</b>			<b># 359 BH</b>
<b>*Call to Worship (Responsively)</b>			Pastor

The Heavens are telling the glory of GOD. Come! Let us worship the living GOD.  
**The skies proclaim the work of GOD's hands.**  
 Day and night return endlessly, showing GOD's steadfast love.  
**The sun shines upon the earth, reflecting GOD's light.**  
 The law of GOD is perfect, reviving the soul.  
**The decrees of GOD bring wisdom, making wise the pure of heart.**  
 The heavens are telling the glory of GOD.  
**The skies proclaim the work of GOD's hands. Let us worship the living GOD.**

<b>*Hymn</b>	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	<b># 443 BH</b>
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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 21:33-46;	Pastor
<b>Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer</b>		Pastor
<b>Special Music</b>	"Love Like This"	David Cost
<b>Sermon</b>	Matthew 21:33-46;	Pastor

**"A Hazardous Vineyard"**

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

<b>Hymn</b>	"Soon and Very Soon"	<b># 599 BH</b>
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<b>*Prayer of Confession</b>		Pastor
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HOLY GOD, like Paul before us, we have ignored Wisdom's cries. We have blinded ourselves to YOUR truth and trusted our blurred vision. We have put our faith in our own righteousness, rather than in the righteousness of YOUR SON. We have persecuted others out of ignorance and a willful misunderstanding. Help us forsake our pride, that we might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

<b>*Words of Assurance &amp; Encouragement</b>		Pastor
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The ONE who created us, seeks us still, beckoning us into union with CHRIST.  
Seek GOD and receive acceptance in CHRIST'S name. You are forgiven.

<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>		Pastor
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<b>The Celebration of the Holy Communion</b>		Pastor
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✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	"I Love You, Lord"	<b># 555 BH</b>
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*If you would like to make a profession of faith, join the church, or simply pray at the altar, you may come during the closing hymn. We welcome you to our fellowship!*

<b>*Charge &amp; Benediction</b>		Pastor
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**Go with the blessings of the ONE who understands our trials and tribulations. Go with the blessings of THE CORNERSTONE of our faith.  
Amen**

<b>Offering</b>	"Your offering can be put in an offering plate before leaving sanctuary"
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<b>Postlude</b>	Phyllis Turner
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## *In the Life of our STONEGATE Community*

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 kept us home and I started publishing my daily devotional and weekly messages at our website at [www.stonegatecpc.org](http://www.stonegatecpc.org).

Now we are back in our sanctuary. The current situation is not normal even it is wrong to say "new normal," it is abnormal. We are children of GOD, and easily we are recognizing what is normal and what is abnormal. Nevertheless, we will practice social distancing and no hugs.

October 11, 2020 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

I assure you that you are in my prayers.

**Be Strong, Never Give Up...**, as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Good Days Will Return, And We Will Worship the LORD Together

### ☞ For Our Guests ☞

We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today. We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to GOD as we worship the true and living GOD together.

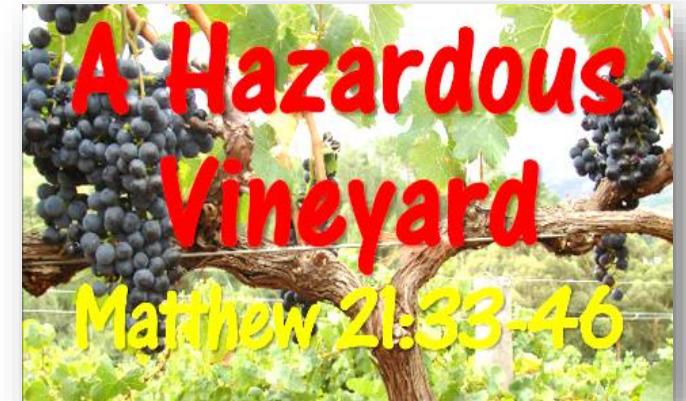


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### THEME IDEAS

We live our lives in ignorance despite the perfection of GOD's laws. In Exodus, Moses presents the Hebrew people with the Ten Commandments, and they respond in fear. Even Paul, who walked blamelessly under the law, persecuted the church until he recognized who he was actually persecuting. In Matthew's Gospel, JESUS tells a parable about slaves killing the master's son, as a way of foretelling HIS own rejection and condemnation by GOD's people. And yet, the Heavens continue to proclaim GOD's glory, working together in all of creation's majesty to continually proclaim GOD's handiwork. We could learn much by listening to the Heavens.



## STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

*Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am*

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, OCTOBER 4, 2020*



**Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!**

### ☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*  
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*  
Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*  
David Cost, *Special Music*  
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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