

Announcements

The Faith We Sing. . .

On this World Communion Sunday, it's appropriate for us to understand the heritage which is ours—often hidden or unknown. **The original version of today's communion hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together,"** was sung by people living on the low country of South Carolina's coast, an area today known as the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor.

Like many African-American traditional songs, it's unclear who wrote the hymn, assuming there's a single songwriter. It likely developed over time, possibly several generations.

The music and lyrics were first published in *The Journal of American Folklore* in 1925. The Journal included spirituals, African-American folk tales, and proverbs, all collected by students at the Penn School on Saint Helena Island, South Carolina.

Our concluding hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was written by a clergyman of the Church of England, Samuel John Stone, the son of Rev. William Stone, of Staffordshire. Born April 25, 1839, he was educated at Pembroke College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1862. He later took orders serving various Churches, then succeeding his father at St. Paul's, Haggerstown, in 1874. He was the author of many original hymns and translations, which were collected and published in 1886. His hymns are hopeful in spirit and skillfully constructed. Remarkably, he published several poetic volumes. He died November 19, 1900.

The **Toys for Tots** box is in the Narthex. Pickup will be the 2nd week in December. Gifts for boys & girls ages 9-12 years old.

Trustee Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 26.