



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

OCTOBER 23, 2022
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WITH BAPTISM

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	Praeludium	Louis Vierne
WELCOME	Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams	
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	Chi Chi Nkemere	
INTROIT	<i>If Ye Love Me</i>	Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of God we welcome all who come.
Trusting or faithless, faithful or rebellious.

**We come because we know our lives are incomplete;
perhaps if we listen, there will be good news for us.**
Seek the God of righteousness and justice,
who comes, unfailing as the dawn, every morning.

**We wait for God to be revealed,
daring to open our lives to God's correction.**
God, who greets us in the morning, sustains us
through the day and through the night.

**We seek to call on the name of God
and serve God with one accord.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

**We cry aloud to you, O God, as we approach your holy hill
in awe and reverence.**

**Who can escape your judgment or stand before
your righteous anger?**

Change our thoughts and our speech, and transform our actions.

**Melt our pretenses and false pride, that we might worship with genuine
humility and openness to your correction.**

In the service of Christ Jesus. Amen.

* HYMN #269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;



Through days of prepa-ration your grace has made us strong,
for not with swords' loud clash-ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums;
your cross is lift-ed o'er us; we jour-ney in its light.



and now, O King eter-nal, we lift our bat-tle song.
with deeds of love and mer-cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.
The crown a-waits the con-quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

TEXT: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888, alt.
MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

LANCASHIRE
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(this tune in a higher key, 233)

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Margaret Wetzler

We are part of the cities that oppress, the people who listen to no voice but their own, the prophets who congratulate rather than correct, the priests who profane the sacred. It is against us that God's judgment comes. Who will repent and find life?

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, it is hard to admit that all is not well with us, for we spend so much effort convincing ourselves and others of our significance.

Even our religious practice is pursued more to cover over the blemishes than to heal our wounds and transform our actions.

We trust in ourselves and the things we have accumulated rather than in unseen, eternal realities.

Rescue us, O God, from the evil that has crept in to dominate our souls.

Deliver us from forces outside ourselves that have no claim on us and no ultimate power.

God, be merciful to us, for we are sinners. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God cuts off the nations that go their own way, but to the cities that accept correction God offers a new day. The person who turns from the eager pursuit of corruption will know the re-ordering of life made possible in Jesus Christ. God delivers us from our enemies, stands by us in our weakness, and saves us for the heavenly dominion.
Praise God, from whom all blessings come!

Alleluia and Amen!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Grace Cassandra Janssen
(Grandchild of Bernard and Elie Medie)

* 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

How shall we tithe for the service of God
all that is already God's gift to us?
How shall we share what is grossly misbalanced in our favor?
Will we justify our greed, or seek justice for all?
These questions will find answers, not in our words, but in our deeds.
Let us give thanks and answers with our offerings.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

O divine Word above, our hope and consolation,
eternal light of the heavens and the earth:
Our voices greet the morning;
Look down, O Lord, and hear thy people's prayer.
Inspire us, Lord, we pray, with the power of thy Spirit,
That hell may flee, before thy mighty Word.
From slumber waken us, our weary souls reviving,
that we may never forget all thy laws!
Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on thy congregation
now gathered here in the sight of thy throne;
Receive the hymns they offer to thy endless glory;
Renewed by thy gifts may they go forth in peace.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Margaret Wetzler

Let us pray:

For your mercy when we least deserve it,
for your understanding when we fail again in our best intentions,
for your strength when there is nothing left within to sustain us,
we give thanks, loving God.

Our gifts express our dependence on you and
our desire to further your reign among us.
Bless and multiply our tithes and offerings.
We pray in Jesus' name. 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

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.
draw us into communion,
enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with You
for the world You so deeply love. Amen.

THE READINGS

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NRSV updated version)

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light,
take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near,
When my light is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand,
take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV updated version)

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Saints and Sinners"

* HYMN #157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but
3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's
5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They
I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
live in you if you'll live in me, ?



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
came with me and the dance went on.
left me there on a cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the



Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,



and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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

* HYMN #741

Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I
don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand ...

5 Search my heart ...

3 Stand by me ...

6 Guide my feet ...

4 I'm your child ...

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God sends us forth as equals,
saints and sinners, every one of us.

**We have been strengthened to run the good race,
to finish the race, to keep the faith.**

Go out to see life in new ways
because you have let God break through to you.

**We have been granted purity of speech
and cleansing of our motives.**

The God of mercy exalts the humble
and blesses all who respond in faith.

**Let us call on God's name every day
and respond as we are loved, in God's service.**

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Cortége

Gordon Young

*“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:

Marianne Jones and Len Lybarger, Jean English, Diane Young,
Cheryl Cairns and her grandson Asher Cairns, Karl Johnson and the family of
Alynn Mahle, for the family of Mary McManamon, Jackie Acho, Janet Picetti Falcone,
Wayne Seaman and his family, Kathleen Gus and her family on the death of her father,
and we pray for our country, our city, and our leaders.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary McManamon,
may her memory be a blessing.

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.



A message from the Community Engagement Committee

A docent will be available at the conclusion of every Sunday service to answer questions of all who are interested in the history of Old Stone, architecture of the church, mission of Old Stone, process of applying for membership at OSC, or details of Presbyterianism.

**JENAVIONE AND CEMYRAH'S HOME DEDICATION
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**WEDNESDAY 10.26.22 | 10:00 AM
9815 ELWELL AVENUE, CLEVELAND 44104**



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Thank you to all the churches that made this possible.
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The Week of October 24, 2022

Tue Oct 25 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting

6:30pm - 8:30pm Session/Hybrid

Wed Oct 26 10:00am - 11:30am Habitat for Humanity/Faith Build 2022 Dedication

Sat Oct 29 10:00am - 3:00pm MedWorks Pop Up Clinic

10:00am - 2:00pm Great Pumpkin Festival/ Public Square

Sun Oct 30 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Reformation Sunday

11:30am - 12:30pm Community Engagement Committee Meeting



A New Fellowship Opportunity Dinners for 6,7 or 8

We are launching a new Fellowship activity called Dinners for 6,7, or 8 and inviting all to participate. These dinners provide an opportunity for a small group of couples and singles to come together for a meal, perhaps some spiritual discussion, and just plain fellowship to get to know one another better and have an enjoyable evening.

Small groups, organized by a volunteer coordinating group, have several get-togethers over a period of about six months. Each couple or individual take responsibility for hosting or arranging one gathering. The meals can be served at the organizer's home, a pot-luck dinner, or a dinner out, depending on the choices the group makes.

At the end of the first six or so months, the groups are reshuffled and another set of gatherings is planned.

The people involved may expand as we get into the program. Friends and neighbors may be added for a specific time. This can be helpful in welcoming new people, who, in turn, may decide to become more involved with Old Stone.

If you have an interest in joining in, please contact Fred Heider at 330-958-0483 or marilynmmc@aol.com.

There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

Online Giving: oldstonechurch.org/giving/	Mobile Giving: Text the keyword "oldstonecle" to 73256
Mail to: Old Stone Church Attn: Financial Office 91 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44113	Checks should be made payable to "Old Stone Church." If you would like to designate your contribution to one of Old Stone's mission projects, please make a note on the memo line.

All contributions are tax-deductible and will be appropriately acknowledged at year-end.

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The Old Stone Singers

Rachel Kunce, *soprano*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Andrew J. Schoenhofer, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

McKenna Jones, *alto*

Emma Nossem, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Joseph K. Breslau, *bass*

Seth Hobi, *bass*

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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