The Old Stone Church

OCTOBER 9, 2022
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE
Now We Pray Unto Thee
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME
Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

NEWS FOR THE CONGREGATION
Sherri Brandon and Matthew Anderson
Front Steps Housing & Services

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP
Mark Corey and Charlene Townsend-Thornton

INTROIT
The Call
Alexander Brent Smith

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath,
such a Truth as ends all strife: such a life as killeth death!

Come, my Light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length: such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love my heart: such a joy as none can move:
such a love as none can part: such a heart as joys in love!

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.
* CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing your praise to the glory of God’s name.  

**Great and awesome are the works of God.**  
**The whole universe sings of God’s power.**  
Gather to remember all that God has revealed.  
Come to discover what God is doing among us.  

**God is faithful and just in all things.**  
**The promises of God are trustworthy and true.**  
Present your best selves for God’s approval.  
Work and witness without shame or pretense.  

**Bless God, all people, and let our praise be heard.**  
To be in awe of God, is the beginning of wisdom.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

**Awesome God, who has given us life and kept our feet from slipping,**  
we thank you now for bringing us to this place of worship and learning.  
Inspire us to speak truthfully and listen attentively.  
Keep us from wrangling over words in ways that divide.  
May we prove to be faithful workers,  
devoted to healing and reconciliation in Jesus’ name.  
Amen.

* HYMN #611  

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**  

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
3 Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.
Natalie Ronayne

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our God, who called us into covenant, invites us to examine our faithfulness. We who have known God’s healing touch are recalled to a life of gratitude. Challenged to be builders and planters, we are faced with our destructive, unproductive habits. Together, we seek a better way. Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession, followed by time for personal silent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, once more we seek your pardon and protection. We find ourselves in exile from the best we know. We have focused so much of our attention on our own concerns that we have neglected the welfare of our community. We see our own hardships more readily than we feel the vast suffering around us. We forget the mercy we have received. We are angry when we should be grateful. Restore us to covenant faithfulness, we pray.

(moment of silent confession)
KYRIE ELEISON

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

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
We are healed and forgiven by a trustworthy God
whose righteousness endures forever.
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.
Remember the resurrection of Jesus and accept the opportunity
to be raised to new life in Christ.
Our faith makes us well and prepares us for eternal glory.

Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* 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
Bring gifts of gratitude to honor God.
Give thanks for God's awesome deeds.
Praise God for salvation in Jesus Christ.
May our offerings express the full measure of our thankfulness.

OFFERING

Ancient Words
Ancient words, ever true. Ancient words, long preserved, for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope, in this world where 'ere we roam, ancient words will guide us home. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart. Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice. O heed the faithful words of Christ. Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart. Ever true.

* DOXOLOGY #607
OLD HUNDREDTH

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

We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service. Amen.

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

The Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah 29:1-2, 4-7

This is the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to what was left of the elders among the exiles, to the priests and prophets and all the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem, including King Jehoiachin, the queen mother, the government leaders, and all the skilled laborers and craftsmen.

This is the Message from God-of-the-Angels, Israel’s God, to all the exiles I’ve taken from Jerusalem to Babylon:

“Build houses and make yourselves at home.
“Put in gardens and eat what grows in that country.
“Marry and have children. Encourage your children to marry and have children so that you’ll thrive in that country and not waste away.
“Make yourselves at home there and work for the country’s welfare.
“Pray for Babylon’s well-being. If things go well for Babylon, things will go well for you.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM

He Watching Over Israel from Elijah

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps;
Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

Adapted from Psalm 121: 4, 7

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Foreigners, No More”

* HYMN #179

Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn

RADIANT CITY
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
Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a-round,
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer’s time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Go your way; your faith will keep you well.
Give praise and give yourselves in thankful living.

We will bless God as long as we live.
We will reach out to help others every day.
Share the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.
In humility, seek to embody the Word of truth.

We will work for the welfare of God’s earth.
We will pray for the well-being of the earth’s people.
Surely God is faithful and will help us.
Live confidently, assured of God’s forgiving love.

Great are the works of God, which endures forever.
We rejoice that we may abide in covenant with God.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

The flowers this morning are in loving memory of Walter H. and Mary Alice Attewell on the 100th Anniversary of their marriage at Old Stone Church on October 7, 1922, by their family.

"My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:26

We continue to keep in our prayers:

Marianne Jones and Len Lybarger, Jean English, and the mother of Kathleen Gus
We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, or homebound.

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.

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 marilynmcc@aol.com
Saturday, October 15, 2022
6-10 p.m.

6-7 p.m.  Cocktail hour
7-8 p.m.  Dinner & program
9 p.m.    Silent auction closes
9-10 p.m. Checkout

Location:
Windows on the River
2000 Sycamore St Cleveland, OH 44113
(parking included for all guests)

Windows on the River follows the Ohio Department of Health COVID protocols. Please visit their website for update-to-date information on mask mandates, social distancing and approved event activities.

Join us for an evening to celebrate the new home of Front Steps Housing & Services at St. Joseph’s Commons. This evening will honor the incredible work our services bring to the community. Event includes dinner, cocktails, silent auction, live music and an inspiring program dedicated to our services, client success stories and new facility. All proceeds benefit Front Steps Housing & Services.

Learn more about Home for All Ball and Front Steps by visiting our website: www.frontstepsservices.org

$125/ticket or tables of 6. Special accommodations can be made for tables of 8.
There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

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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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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams  
**Director of Music and Musical Arts:** David C. Daugherty  

**The Old Stone Singers**  
Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*  
Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*  
Val Sibila, *soprano*  
Rayna Brooks, *alto*  
McKenna Jones, *alto*  
Emma Nossem, *alto*  
Ian Atwood, *tenor*  
Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*  
Ralph Randall, *tenor*  
R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*  
Joseph K. Breslau, *bass*  
Seth Hobi, *bass*  

**Church Elders:**  
Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2023  
Dorothy Baunach  
Kara Bane  
Willie Brown

Class of 2024  
Beth Buchanan  
Robert Hubert Jr.  
Judy Macuga  
Harriet Niles  
Lee Ann Rader  
Marty Vassel  
John Young

Class of 2025  
Janie Chambers  
Fred Heider  
Len Lybarger  
Bernard Medie  
Bob Reid

**Church Deacons:**

Class of 2023  
Ian Atwood  
Jessica Atwood  
Elizabeth Harris

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Melissa Maffia  
Pete Maffia  
Mary Mikula  
Michael Rolen  
Penni Rolen  
Alyssa Scaggs

Class of 2025  
Scott Bailey  
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Carol Hoagland  
Amy Wheeler  
John Wheeler