



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 13, 2022  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude in Classic Style</i>	Gordon Young
WELCOME		Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
STEWARDSHIP MINUTE		Amy and John Wheeler
INTROIT	<i>I Will Worship the Lord</i>	John Rutter

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;  
I will tell of His glory and will show forth His praise;  
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Sovereign God of all nations summons us;  
all of us are offspring of the most high God.

**As children of the Eternal One  
we seek realities that are yet unseen.**

God calls us away from speculation to life's realities:  
people are suffering and dying for their faith.

**Some are persecuted and betrayed;  
some are delivered up and imprisoned.**

For many the foundations of life are shaken  
and there is not justice or hope to be seen.

**We come to hear from the divine council,  
that we might rise up on the healing wings of God.**

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

God of right and justice, speak to us in ways we cannot ignore,  
lest we be led astray by other voices.  
Enlist us in meaningful work among the least of your children.  
Keep us from unproductive idleness that ignores the tasks,  
small or large, you intend for us to do.  
Strengthen our ties with parents and children,  
that we may grow in understanding and mutual support. Amen.

\* HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,  
is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Alyssa Niepokny

It is easy to get caught up in the world around us that we cannot hear the voice of God or feel the presence of all that is holy. Let us look closely now that we might see ourselves in the presence of God. Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession, followed by time for personal silent confession.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God, that we are ignorant about your ways.  
We allow wickedness to shape and control us.  
We do not stand for the justice you have called us to share.  
We do not care enough about those who are poor or  
give ourselves to the extent you invite.  
We like to think others should care for us,  
that life should be easy and free of real work.  
Help us, Holy One, to see ourselves in comparison to Christ.**

*(moment of silent confession)*

\* KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

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

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God still rules the world with justice.  
God offers fresh new possibilities,  
even to those who have ignored the way of faithful living.  
God gives us life through the forgiveness of our sins.  
Let us go and live as servants of the faithful God.

**Alleluia and Amen!**

\* 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

Most of us have worked hard to earn a living.  
We have invested our talents and energies to support ourselves.  
Many of us are, or have been, responsible partners in developing a creative, supportive family unit.  
God asks us to invest some of the resources we have accumulated in the larger family of humankind.  
The weak and needy are part of our family too.

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*My Lord What a Morning*

H. T. Burleigh

My Lord, what a morning, Oh, my Lord what a morning,  
When the stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.

Oh, my Lord what a morning, When the stars begin to fall.

\* 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

Alyssa Niepokny

Let us pray:

Most High God, we bring our offerings with mixed feelings.

Sometimes we are resentful that we have to work so hard  
while others live in idleness.

Why does it fall on us to provide for others who do not appreciate our efforts?

Then we remember your goodness to us when we are undeserving,  
and the blessing of being needed and able to help.

We would not be weary in well-doing,

for you have not wearied in your provision for us.

Thank you, God, for your generosity that helps us to endure all things. 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

Hebrew Scripture      Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12 (NRSV updated version)

65:17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent--its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

12:1 You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were  
angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll.  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole.  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight.  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:  
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul!

## Gospel

Luke 21:5-19 (NRSV updated version)

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

## 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 #373

*O Day of Peace*

JERUSALUM

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are:

1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the  
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly  
love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies  
fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's  
shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of  
grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

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MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

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JERUSALEM  
LMD

\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Go out to live and work and witness;  
do not be weary in well-doing.

**We face a new week, grateful for meaningful tasks  
and for people who share their lives with us.**

Rescue the weak and needy;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

**We reach out to others with help, not judgement,  
remembering how God has met our needs.**

Receive the gifts God offers you;  
dwell in the wisdom God imparts.

**Our spirits leap in response to God,  
who helps us endure and to triumph.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

Peter Lutkin

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley

*“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,  
Cheryl Cairns and her grandson Asher Cairns, Jackie Acho, Melvina Bishop,  
George Hood, Karl Johnson, Bertha Nunn, Twilyn Teasley,  
Marty Vassel's sister and family, Tony Wynn, brother of Charles Wynn,  
and we pray for our country, our city, and our leaders.

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.*



# STEWARDSHIP 2023

Consecration Sunday is November 20, 2022!

Pledge cards are available if you did not receive yours in the mail.

Pray for guidance as you prepare your pledge for 2023!

**Parish House Tours are being offered Today, November 13th!**

Please take this opportunity to explore all four (4) floors of the Parish House, from the Boiler Room, staff offices, Children's wing, to backstage in Memorial Hall!

Stewardship Committee Members will be available on each floor to answer your questions!

See what wonderful blessings we have and how we could use this facility to its full potential!

Tours will take place right after Worship! Gather outside the Chapel, where a committee member will give you instructions!

Blessings,

Judy Macuga, Marty Vassel, Bob Hubert, and John Young.



## The FRONT STEPS Giving Tree

Please take a moment to sign up for an Essential Christmas Gift for the residents of Front Steps Housing and Services. A table is set up outside the Chapel with a list of essential needs and gift tags of each resident for your gift bag.

### 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.

## News from Session:

### **OSC Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to be Formed**

OSC Session met Monday October 25, 2022 and discussed the need for an Associate Pastor to join OSC Clergy. The long search for a part time Parish Associate has not resulted in applications. Pastor Stephen explained the serious need for a full time Associate Pastor to assist him, the staff, and the congregation.

Session passed a motion to authorize the OSC Nominating Committee (chaired by elder Dorothy Baunach) to develop an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) under the guidance of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve's Committee on Ministry (PWR COM) per the Book of Order.

The proposed Associate Pastor Nominating Committee must then be voted on by the congregation at a congregational meeting before beginning their work.

Please pray for the elders who are taking steps to begin the process.

If you are interested in being considered for this committee, please notify the Church Office.



Old Stone Church is seeking volunteers to help bring Christmas to our Sanctuary!

Please sign up to help with the Greening of the Sanctuary, which will take place on Tuesday, November 22nd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Sign up by contacting Clinton Scaggs at [clinton2323@hotmail.com](mailto:clinton2323@hotmail.com).

### November 14-20, 2022

- Tue Nov 15** 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
- Wed Nov 16** 6:00pm - 7:30pm Downtown Cleveland Residents Meeting
- Thu Nov 17** 7:00pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm - 9:00pm FPS Director's Meeting
- Sun Nov 20** 9:00am - 11:30am Harvest Table Display  
10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Reign of Christ/Communion/  
Consecration Sunday  
1 1:00am - 12:00pm Deacon Meeting
- Tue Nov 22** 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting  
6:00pm - 8:00pm Greening of Sanctuary
- Thu Nov 24** Thanksgiving/ Building and Offices Closed
- Fri Nov 25** Thanksgiving/ Building and Offices Closed
- Sat Nov 26** WinterLand/Public Square
- Sun Nov 27** 10:00am-11:00am Worship/Advent I

There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

Online Giving: <a href="http://oldstonechurch.org/giving/">oldstonechurch.org/giving/</a>	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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**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*

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

#### 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

#### Class of 2024

Melissa Maffia

Pete Maffia

Mary Mikula

Michael Rolan

Penni Rolan

Alyssa Scaggs

#### Class of 2025

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Bernie Bischel

Carol Hoagland

Amy Wheeler

John Wheeler