WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE    
Prelude in Classic Style    Gordon Young

WELCOME    
Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE    
Amy and John Wheeler

INTROIT    
I Will Worship the Lord    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

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
   Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
   When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
   The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,

2. is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
   For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
   The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
   I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

3. What more can be said than to you God hath said,
   I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
   The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
   That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

4. to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
   Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
   And sanctify thee thy deepest distress.
   I'll never, no, never, no, never 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.

TEXT: “K” in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.
MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832, alt.
CALL TO CONFESSION

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

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, 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.
Isaiah 65:17-25

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.
ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul

John Ness Beck

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.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Living in the In-between”
1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but chang'ing grace; in every high and stormy gale, my
whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, fault-

Refrain

wholly lean on Jesus' name. anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay. less to stand before the throne.

other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking 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

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

JERUSALEM

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.

TEXT: Carl F. Daw Jr., 1982

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* 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.

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

**Sun Nov 20** 9:00am - 11:30am Harvest Table Display

10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Reign of Christ/Communion/Consecration Sunday

**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

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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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Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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