



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 20, 2022
REIGN OF CHRIST
CONSECRATION SUNDAY WITH COMMUNION
10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	Now Thank We All Our God	J. S. Bach
WELCOME	Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams	
INTROIT	<i>Fanfare for Christ the King</i>	H. Hamilton Smith

He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.
All kings shall pay him homage. All nations shall serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away
and his kingdom shall not be destroyed

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless God, all people of faith and hope.

God has looked on us with great favor.

God is our refuge and our strength, our help in trouble.

God is our guide and inspiration when things go well.

God gives light to those who live in the shadows.

God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times.

We live in covenant with God, who gives us the best.

We are eager to give our best to God in return.

By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship.

God has brought the dawn of a new day for our use.

Praise God for signs and wonders all around us.

Praise God for peace and reconciliation.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

We worship you with gladness, O God our shepherd,

for you have gathered us as your beloved flock.

You have sent a mighty Savior,

who has demonstrated among us the power of love.

Send your Spirit now to remind us of your gifts

and to strengthen us for our tasks.

May we show our loyalty to Christ by the way we live every day.

Amen.

* HYMN #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Vss. 1,2 & 4)

CORONATION

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res-trial ball
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2–3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979
 Music Desc. © 1979 GIA Publications, Inc.

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Penni-Lynn Rolen

Come, all who dwell in the shadow of death,
 whose ways are not God's ways,
 whose works scatter and destroy rather than gather and build up.
 God summons us to a time of repentance and reconciliation.
 Let us admit our unfaithfulness that we might be restored to the flock.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many times you have rescued us, O God.
Yet we continue to wander away from your vision for us.
We claim to be followers of Jesus,
but we do not speak up when he is mocked.
We do not respond when he summons us
from the perilous byways we have chosen.
Our words and deeds deny the faith we proclaim.
God of all nations, deliver us from misplaced loyalties
and unacknowledged sin.
Forgive our foolish ways.

(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

Jesus Christ has claimed for us God's forgiveness
and restoration to full partnership.
Christ's promises are for today as well as for unknown tomorrows.
We have been rescued from enemy hands,
that we might serve God without fear.
We are citizens of God's realm,
where Jesus reigns in the triumphant power of love.
Give joyful thanks to God,
who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints.

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

The knowledge of our salvation is meant to be shared,
and we are a people called to extend this good news in every way we can.
When we give our money, we give a part of ourselves,
for we have traded our labor, our time,
and our talent for what we now give away.
All we possess belongs to God,
to whose purposes we now dedicate our gifts and ourselves.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan

Ride on King Jesus, Ride on the conquering king.
Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no man, can a hinder thee.
I was but young when I begun, no man, can a hinder thee.
But now my race is almost done, no man, can a hinder thee.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse, no man, can a hinder thee.
The river of Jordan he did cross, no man, can a hinder thee.
Ride on King Jesus, Ride on the conquering king.
Ride On, Jesus!

* 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

Penni-Lynn Rolen

Let us pray:
For the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give thanks.
For the church that seeks to extend Christ's ministry,
we are humbly grateful.
All things we have are gifts from you, O God,
so we dedicated more than our money.
We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises.
Hear our prayers and empower our ministry.
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

Let us pray together:

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

Colossians 1:11-20 (The Inclusive Bible)

And by the might of God's glory you'll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen.

Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten.

And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Christ is the image of the unseen God

and the firstborn of all creation,

for in Christ were created

all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers—

all things were created through Christ and for Christ.

Before anything was created, Christ existed,

and all things hold together in Christ.

The church is the body;

Christ is its head.

Christ is the Beginning,

the firstborn from the dead,

and so Christ is first in every way.

God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ,

and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ—

everything in heaven and everything on earth—

when Christ made peace by dying on the cross.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love is This

Robert Scholz

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

Gospel

Luke 23:33-43 (The Inclusive Bible)

When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there—
together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said,
"Abba forgive them. They don't know what they are doing."
Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them. The people stood there
watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, "He saved others, let him save
himself—if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!"
The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said,
"If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
here was an inscription above Jesus that read, "This is the King of the Jews."
One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying,
"Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself—and us!"
But the other answered the first with a rebuke: "Don't you even fear God?
We are only paying the price for what we have done,
but this one has done nothing wrong!"
Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory."
Jesus replied, "The truth is, today you'll be with me in paradise!"

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"God's Kindom"

RECEIVING AND BLESSING OF PLEDGE CARDS

PRAYER OVER THE PLEDGE CARDS

Gracious and loving God,
giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving.
These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives,
they represent our dreams.

The pledges which we make on them are but tokens
of the awesome gifts that have been given to us
and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received,
for all we have been inspired to be,
for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over,
so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us.
May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy,
filled with possibilities.

May we hold this image in our hearts and minds
so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table,
we can see our very selves being part of this offering,
it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you.

Amen.

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

* INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

We receive the bread and the fruit of the vine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,
to the seeker eager to know God,
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.
There is great joy here.
No one is turned away for God is the host!

* HYMN #367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

* PRAYER

God is in this place.

And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the nudging God.

We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Remember God made flesh.

Jesus, who taught us a new way.

(Allow silence to speak for a few moments.)

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,
to taste the feast,
the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and time again you've offered your grace,
even as we have stepped away,
You continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us.

We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.

You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration.

For the One this meal remembers.

For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,

whose hands touched the bread,

whose lips embraced the cup,

We worship you.

We glorify you.

This is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Bless them and your people all around the world. As we eat of these common elements, unite our spirits in love for you, and our hearts in love for one another. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, the Sustainer.

* HYMN #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

* THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam hamotzi lehem min ha'aretz.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, +

who brings forth bread from the earth.

"This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."

And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it saying:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,

who creates the fruit of the vine.

"This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

* PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, send power upon these gifts, your bread and your cup.
God of all, send your Spirit to this place
so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,
may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
make us one with the saints,
and with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world.
Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.
Help us
To know you,
To be guided by the Holy Spirit,
And to live Christ.
Now and forever.

* PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

We pray for all those in need of healing, comfort or strength,
whether it be of body, mind, or spirit. We pray for...

We pray 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, they 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

*** CALL TO THE FEAST**

This is the feast prepared for you.
Come and share for all is ready.
Please hold onto the elements till all are served,
that we might partake of them together.

*** SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

The Body of Christ broken for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION**

Creative, connecting God,
you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ;
From child-like faith, to youthful energy,
from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom..
We thank you for this time, this remembrance. Amen.



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

*** COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Step out into the light that God will provide.

Receive the strength of Christ's glorious power.

God is our refuge and our strength, our help in trouble.

Christ is our Savior, who welcomes us to God's realm.

Rejoice in the tender mercy of our God.

Give thanks for the one who demonstrated God's love.

God has looked favorably on us and redeemed us.

Christ has prepared the way for us to go.

Be still and know that God is God.

Let the good shepherd lead you day by day.

We will not fear or be dismayed.

We are being recreated in the church of Jesus Christ.

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lukin

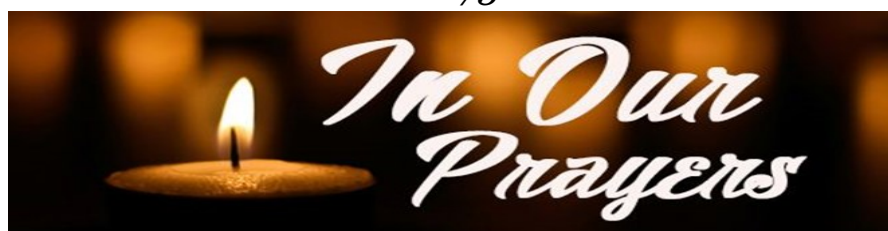
ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in E-Major

J. S. Bach

*"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, Bertha Nunn, Twilyn Teasley,
Tony Wynn, brother of Charles Wynn,
and we pray for our country, our city, and our leaders.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marty Vassel's sister, Carol.

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.



STEWARDSHIP 2023

Today is Consecration Sunday!

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

Pray for guidance as you prepare your pledge for 2023!

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.



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 this Tuesday, November 22nd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Sign up by contacting Clinton Scaggs at clinton2323@hotmail.com.



Celebrate the season of Advent at Old Stone Church with the
Old Stone Singers and chamber orchestra performance of the
Christmas portion of George Frederick Handel's famed oratorio
Messiah.

This free and open-to-the-public performance of *Messiah*, directed by
Old Stone Church's Music Director David Daugherty, will take place on
Sunday, December 4th from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

and feature members of the Old Stone Singers as the soloists.

Come join us for this unique performance.

The program will conclude with a Christmas Carol sing-a-long!

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 (APNC) 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.

Thanksgiving Table: We extend a very gracious thank-you to Fitch Farms and Woolf Farms, who have donated items for this morning's Thanksgiving Table display. The congregation is invited to help themselves to the bountiful items on the table!



November 22-29, 2022

- Tue Nov 22** 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
6:00pm - 8:00pm Greening of Sanctuary
- Thu Nov 24** All day Thanksgiving/ Building and Offices Closed
- Fri Nov 25** All day Thanksgiving/ Building and Offices Closed
- Sat Nov 26** All day WinterLand/Public Square
- Sun Nov 27** 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Advent I
1:00pm - 4:00pm Browns/Tampa Bay
- Mon Nov 28** 6:30pm - 9:00pm Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM
- Tue Nov 29** 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
6:30pm - 8:30pm Session/Hybrid

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.

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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:

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