

# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 6, 2022
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WITH COMMUNION

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal (BWV 643) J. S. Bach

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE Forrest Diehl

INTROIT A Prayer of St. Patrick John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints. **Some of them are living,** 

others have completed their physical lives here on earth.

Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

But all have shaken our being—all have been examples

of lives of wholeness, working for justice.

Be still and know that God is God.

God is our rock and our redeemer.

<sup>\*</sup> Those who are able are requested to stand

#### \* INVOCATION PRAYER

With all the saints of every time and place we come to worship you, O God Most High.

We praise your glory and rejoice in the wisdom you reveal to us. Enlighten us once more in this time of adoration and blessing. Fill us with hope,

even when conditions around us seem only to hurt and destroy. Help us to do good and show mercy, expecting nothing in return. Meet now our personal needs, as you minister to your church. Amen.

#### \* HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

**NICAEA** 





#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

**Bob Reid** 

Despite our best intentions our days have been marred by thoughts and actions that pull us away from God and distort our relations with people.

We need to be restored to integrity and self-respect,

freed of the burden of our mistakes.

Honest confession and the acceptance of forgiveness from God can turn our lives around.

Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession, followed by time for personal silent confession.

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear, O God, our deep longing to be more in tune with your purposes.

We have cursed you when we are destined and appointed to praise you.

We have sought the riches of this world

while our spirits are impoverished and undeveloped.

We grab for ourselves what should be shared, to satisfy our own hungers.

We offend others when our own wants are involved

but are often cowardly in our witness for causes

that apply the gospel to issues of our day.

Prayer for our enemies, doing good to them, and loving them,

is asking more of us than we are prepared to do.

O God, forgive us, and turn us toward your way.

(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 is merciful to all who truly seek a new way of life. If you have come in genuine penitence and desire to try God's way rather than your own, be assured that you are forgiven. You are freed to sing a new song, to leap for joy, to treat others as you wish to be treated.

#### 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

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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

Our inheritance in Christ Jesus is guaranteed.

What more do we need?

We who are rich, whose hunger is met with good food,

whose thirst is quenched with purified water,

who enjoy many resources that entertain us and make life easier,

need one thing more—to share generously from our abundance that we, and others, might truly live.

Our gifts are meant to share Christ with the whole human family.

At this time the offering will be received.

#### **OFFERING**

#### OFFERTORY

## Unclouded Day

arr. by Shawn Kirchner

Oh, they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, Oh, they tell me of a home far away,

Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise: Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.

Oh, the land of cloudless days, Oh, the land of an unclouded sky,

Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise: Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.

Oh, they tell me of a home where my friends have gone, Oh, they tell me of that land far away, where the tree of life in eternal bloom sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

Oh, the land of cloudless days, Oh, the land of an unclouded sky,

Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise: Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.

Oh, they tell me of a King in His beauty there, they tell me that mine eyes shall behold where He sits on the throne that is bright as the sun in the city that is made of gold.

Oh, the land of cloudless days, Oh, the land of an unclouded sky,

Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise: Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.

#### \* 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

**Bob Reid** 

Let us pray:

We give from the abundance of your gifts to us, merciful God. We reach out to the beggar and to those too proud to beg, with equal concern and compassion. We dare to minister to the needs of our enemies as well as our friends. We would share the riches of the gospel with all.

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.

#### **Epistle**

## Ephesians 1:11-23 (The Message)

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone. It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This down payment from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but *forever*. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church.

The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Lux Aeterna John Rutter

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours: even so saith the Spirit.

Lux aeterna, luceat eis Domine: cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es. Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray: with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace. Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee: and light perpetual shine on them for ever.

#### Gospel

## Luke 6:20-36 (The Message)

Coming down off the mountain with them, Jesus stood on a plain surrounded by disciples, and was soon joined by a huge congregation from all over Judea and Jerusalem, even from the seaside towns of Tyre and Sidon.

They had come both to hear Jesus and to be cured of their diseases.

Those disturbed by evil spirits were healed. Everyone was trying to touch him—so much energy surging from him, so many people healed! Then he spoke:

You're blessed when you've lost it all. God's kingdom is there for the finding.

You're blessed when you're ravenously hungry.

Then you're ready for the Messianic meal.

You're blessed when the tears flow freely. Joy comes with the morning.

"Count yourself blessed every time someone cuts you down or throws you out, every time someone smears or blackens your name to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and that that person is uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—skip like a lamb, if you like!—for even though they don't like it, I do... and all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company; my preachers and witnesses have always been treated like this.

But it's trouble ahead if you think you have it made.

What you have is all you'll ever get.

And it's trouble ahead if you're satisfied with yourself. Your *self* will not satisfy you for long.

And it's trouble ahead if you think life's all fun and games. There's suffering to be met, and you're going to meet it.

"There's trouble ahead when you live only for the approval of others, saying what flatters them, doing what indulges them. Popularity contests are not truth contests—look how many scoundrel preachers were approved by your ancestors! Your task is to be true, not popular.

"To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more payback. Live generously.

"Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for *them*! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that.

"I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You'll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we're at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

## "All the Saints in Light"



## WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

#### \* HOLY COMMUNION

\* HYMN #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

**UNION SEMINARY** 

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Here we touch your garment's hem.

#### \* 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 wine 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 #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

**UNION SEMINARY** 

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.

#### \* 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.

#### \* REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

We remember those who have died.

We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember: (A bell will toll as each name is read aloud.)

Paul Begany, Mary Cass, Bonnie Smith (Daly), Dan R. Daly, Harry R. Daly

Nancy Foreman, Kathy E. Hubert, Helen Ingram, Kevin Joseph Kelly,

Keith Kelley, Alynn Mahle, Mary McManamon, Bob and Helen Murray,

Frank and Mary Nixon, Judy Oglesby, Richard G. Rutti, Wayne E. Seaman,

Mabe Sorensen, Robert Speer, Andy Spevak, Robert Spevak, Bill Stein,

Virginia Stocking, Jeffrey Watson, George W. Welshimer, Sid Williams

And we remember all those who have gone before us. (A bell tolls.)

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 #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

**UNION SEMINARY** 

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia!

We will serve with faith anew.

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

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

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

And pouring the wine:

"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.

Let us pray the prayer our Lord and Savior Jesus taught saying:

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.

\* SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## COMMUNION ANTHEM The Lord is my Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### \* 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.



The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

#### \* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go out into the world to do good, expecting nothing in return.

As we wish that people would to us, we will do to them, with love in our hearts.

Go forth to praise God in the world

as we together have praised God in the sanctuary.

Day by day we will seek God's revelation and live by the wisdom that God imparts.

Receive from God the hope to which you have been called, that you may live as forgiven and forgiving saints.

By the grace of God we sinners are also saints, empowered to love with boldness and joy.

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lukin

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Whoever Lets Our Dear God Rule (BWV 642)

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, Janet Picetti Falcone, 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.



## 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 6th and next Sunday, 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.



## 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

(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.



## November 7 - 20, 2022

Mon Nov 7	5:30pm -	9:30pm	Board	of Election Setup
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Tue Nov 8 5:00am - 10:00pm Board of Election OSC Polls (Election Day)

10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting

Thu Nov 10 7:00pm - 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sun Nov 13 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/In Person

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/Christ the King/Communion/

Consecration Sunday

11:00am - 12:00pm Deacon Meeting

#### There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

Online Giving:	Mobile Giving:
oldstonechurch.org/giving/	Text the keyword "oldstonecle" to 73256
Mail to:	Checks should be made payable to "Old Stone Church." If you would
Old Stone Church	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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Senior Pastor: Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

Director of Music and Musical Arts: David C. Daugherty

#### The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, soprano Ian Atwood, tenor

Cicely Schonberg, soprano Frederick Peterbark, tenor
Val Sibila, soprano Andrew J. Schoenhofer, tenor

Rayna Brooks, *alto*R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*McKenna Jones, *alto*Joseph K. Breslau, *bass* 

Emma Nossem, *alto* Seth Hobi, *bass* 

#### **Guest Musicians**

Adrian Gonzalez, oboe Clinton Steinbrunner, flute

#### **Church Elders:**

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Dorothy Baunach	Beth Buchanan	Janie Chambers
Kara Bane	Robert Hubert Jr.	Fred Heider
Willie Brown	Judy Macuga	Len Lybarger
	Harriet Niles	Bernard Medie
	Lee Ann Rader	Bob Reid
	Marty Vassel	
	John Young	

#### **Church Deacons:**

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	<u>Class of 2025</u>
lan Atwood	Melissa Maffia	Scott Bailey
Jessica Atwood	Pete Maffia	Bernie Bischel
Elizabeth Harris	Mary Mikula	Carol Hoagland
	Michael Rolen	Amy Wheeler
	Penni Rolen	John Wheeler
	Alyssa Scaggs	