

THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JULY 17, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10 AM Sanctuary Worship



WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Antiphon V

Marcel Dupré

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

Beth Buchanan

INTROIT

Be Joyful in The Lord

Kendal L. Gunlicks

*Be Joyful in The Lord, all ye lands! And serve the Lord with gladness,
Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands! And come before his presence with a song.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of faith, trusting God's steadfast love.
Take refuge in the eternal presence.

We want to acknowledge God first in our lives.

We seek to rely on a power beyond ourselves.

Gather in silent awe before the source of all things.
Climb God's holy hill, giving thanks.

It isn't easy to have faith in one we do not know.

It is frightening to realize God's sovereign power.

Know that Christ is the image of the invisible God,
The one in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

We are the church, gathered in Christ's name.

We are the body of Christ, seeking to live faithfully

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Bob Heath

Awesome God, we thirst for you Word. We long to make sense of so much we do not understand.

We want our worship to be more than a quick diversion from tasks that seem more pressing.

We want to believe there is more to life than seeking personal gain.

We bring to You today our troubles and anxieties, our estrangements and hostilities, our boasting and deceits.

Meet us here with truth we cannot avoid.

Amen.

* HYMN #49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

* CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls for our full-time devotion.

In all that we think and do, God's will is to hold first place.

Our worship is hollow and empty if it is only a small separate compartment in our lives.

No matter how good we are,

all of us need a time of reorientation and reconciliation.

That is why, together, we confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by Your expectation of us.

We realize that our busy striving after things has dulled our awareness of You.

We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny You and hurt other people.

Sometimes our success tramples the needy and brings ruin to the poor.

Even our benevolence becomes self-serving.

O God, we want to find our hope in the gospel.

Help us, we pray.

(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

Do you truly want to be forgiven?
If that is your honest choice,
experience that forgiveness in the very core of your being.
Know that in the mystery of Jesus Christ we are truly reconciled to God.
Continue in faith, not shifting from the hope of the gospel.
Dwell consciously in God's presence in the midst of all you do every day.

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Immortal, Invisible* Eric H. Thiman

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days, almighty, victorious, thy
great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as night, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou
rulest in might.*

*Thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love. To all life thou givest, to both great and small, in all life
thou livest, the true life of all.*

*We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree and wither and perish but
nought changeth thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.*

*All laud we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light
hideth thee. Amen.*

* 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE READINGS

Epistle

Colossians 1:15-28

Willie Brown

The Word of the Lord

(Pg. 213 or LP Pg. 200)

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Consecration

John Ness Beck

Text: Francis R. Havergal

*Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice, and let it sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use, every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

(Pg. 72 or LP Pg. 73)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Martha, Martha, Martha!”

* HYMN #444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Choose this day a life of listening and trusting.

Let God have first place on your daily agenda.

We will give ear to promptings of the Spirit.

We seek to hear God's teachings and warnings.

Let your faith be evidenced in all your dealings.

Share humbly and caringly the hope that is in you.

We believe others can hear the Word of God through us.

We will be careful to represent the gospel faithfully.

You have chosen well; receive God's blessing.

Give thanks each day for God's gracious favor.

Thanks be to God for both comfort and judgement.

Praise God for both reassurance and challenge.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Gilbert Martin

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Members of Old Stone Church please remain in your seats for the start of the
Congregational Meeting

Moderator:

Judy Mitchell, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Western Reserve

With assistance by:

Laurie Moormann, Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of the Western Reserve

Beth Buchanan, Clerk of Session

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Ian Atwood, Willie Brown, Elizabeth Harris, Pete Maffia,
Elie Medie, Mary Mikula, Chinenye Nkemere, Bob Reid

Bob Heath, Chair

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fellowship and a light repast.

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