



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

AUGUST 28, 2022

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Largo in G from Xerxes* G. F. Handel

WELCOME Beth Buchanan

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION Cheryl Cairns
Captain of the Old Stone Rockers

INTROIT *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God, our strength; cry out to God, our helper.
Rejoice, and do not fear to appear before God.

**It is God who led our ancestors through hard times.
It is God who leads us through difficult times.**

God will not leave or forsake us.
God welcomes us to the banquet of life.

**God fills our mouths with good things.
God offers us fountains of living water.**

Listen now to the voice of God and submit to God's will.
Hear the Word of God and turn away from worthless things.

**We will delight in the commandments of our God.
We will share in the work God gives us to do.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Gracious God, our helper,
we seek the assurance of your presence in this time of worship.
We have come to listen and to receive your counsel.
Melt our stubborn hearts to remove the barriers
that keep us from seeing your glory and doing your will.
Challenge all that is worthless and unprofitable in our lives,
that we may become worthy imitators of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

When we are not in daily communion with God,
false gods rush in to claim our loyalty.
We chase after things that do not profit.
We become cracked cisterns that can hold no water.
Only God can fill our emptiness.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for personal silent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are all too often desolate and frightened,
for there are evil tidings all around us
and we do not know you well enough to count on your help.
We cannot hear your voice or sense your presence.
There is a void within us that things cannot satisfy.
We have reached for honors and recognition,
but they provide no lasting fulfillment.
Forgive our mistaken priorities and draw us to you,
the source of living water.

(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

Happy are those who revere God, who delight in God's commandments.
It is well with those who deal generously with others,
conduct their affairs with justice, and care for the poor.
When we listen to God,
the enemies within and around us are subdued
and we can walk with confidence into each new 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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Through our offerings,

we extend to the world God's banquet invitation.

As we reach out to people who have not known advantages,

we are blessed.

Let us not neglect to do good and to share generously what we have,

for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there's despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

An instrument of thy peace. 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.

* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Beth Buchanan

For your healing love, for the goodly blessings we enjoy,
for life itself, we give thanks with these tokens of gratitude.

Dwell in us, that we may be moved to make all of life
an offering to Your steadfast love.

May we learn to give good gifts to all Your children
who need what we have to offer.

Multiply our efforts to be faithful as You add others to our family of faith,
in Christ's name. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Susanne Meabon Bendoraitis

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

[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#)

(Pg. 244 or LP Pg. 227)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,
He leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk thru the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Gospel

[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

(Pg. 78 or LP Pg. 77)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Rev. Susanne Meabon Bendoraitis

“Who's Coming to Dinner?”

* HYMN #767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

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 #81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Go forth as humble servants of Almighty God.

Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

We have no right to boast before God or others.

We are simply privileged to share God's bounty.

When you give a banquet, invite those who cannot repay.

Give honor to persons not usually recognized.

God has created us as sisters and brothers to all.

Everyone is a child of God, deserving of our attention.

God, who blesses your worship, will bless your service.

God will feed you with spiritual food that satisfies.

How good it is to walk in the ways God leads us!

How satisfying to drink from the fountain of living water!

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Major

J. S. Bach

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Rev. Susanne Meabon Bendoraitis is the Executive Associate Pastor at John Knox Presbyterian Church in North Olmsted, OH. Today's sermon focuses on 'table fellowship'. Gathering with loved ones to enjoy food is one of Susanne's favorite things. When not hiking or jogging, she loves to cook, bake, and sample her offerings with family and friends.

Y.I.M.B.Y.

(YES IN MY BACKYARD!)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 @North Presbyterian Church

A day to focus on the **challenges** facing people experiencing homelessness

AND

Individuals and agencies that are offering **solutions.**

This event is for people experiencing homelessness now or in the past and....folks from all neighborhoods and congregations who have heard the Call to reach out to "the least of these"

- laypersons
- pastors
- community activists
- confirmation classes
- Presbyterian Women
- mission committees

North Presbyterian Church (LMM) 4515 Superior Avenue
(parking across the street/disability parking by the main door)

9:00 a.m to 1:15 p.m.

**includes keynote speaker, interactive educational game,
lunch and conversations**

Please register at preswesres.org/yimby
(including lunch preference) by September 6.

Masks are required.

**Ministry Advocating with Homeless Persons
(A Network of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve)**

MAHP


SAVE THE DATE!

OLD STONE CHURCH HOMECOMING PICNIC

*Sunday, September 18, 2022 2:30-5:30PM

*Lakewood Park Woman's Club Pavilion
14532 Lake Ave. Lakewood, Oh 44107

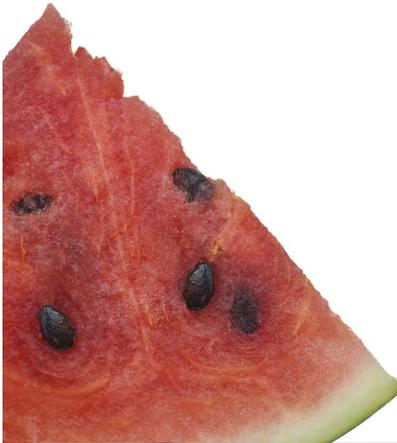
*Raffle to benefit Compassionate Friends Fund

*Dinner, Fellowship, Games, Live music by Eric Butler

*Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to share

Sign up sheets are located outside of the Chapel
and at the Public Square entrance.

Thank you to the Old Stone Deacons for organizing the picnic!



Hello Fellow Old Stone Rockers

Please join our team as we support mental health awareness throughout our community. Join us as we step into NAMIWalks Your Way 2022, which promises to be our most meaningful event ever. It's a new day for mental health and we will embrace it together on **September 24 at Edgewater Park - Kite Field from 9Am-12PM**

We'll cheer each other on while raising our voices to be heard, united in our commitment to raise awareness of our cause, funds to drive NAMI's free, top-rated programs, and build community in every sense of the word.

Friendly dogs are welcome at NAMIWalks Greater Cleveland.

How to Register

<https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=51771>

Old Stone Rockers
NAMIWalks Your Way Greater Cleveland

JOIN OUR TEAM SUPPORT US

\$100 RAISED GOAL \$2,500
4% of Goal!

OUR BADGES What Are Badges?
Help us get our first badge!

Please feel free to email me at cairnc13@hotmail.com or text me at 4409434099
You do not need to participate in the walk to be part of our awesome team

Thank you -Cheryl Cairns Old Stone Rockers Team Captain

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.

All contributions are tax-deductible and will be appropriately acknowledged at year-end.

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Emma Nossem, alto

Andrew Schoenhoferd, tenor
Joseph K. Breslau, bass

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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