THE OLD STONE CHURCH

AUGUST 7, 2022
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WITH BAPTISM AND COMMUNION
10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE     Canon in D     Johann Pachelbel
WELCOME     Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams
INTROIT     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
Gather before God, people of the covenant.
Listen for God’s Word, O faithful ones.
God has summoned us to this place.
We believe God will speak to us here.
Come to honor God and give thanks.
Seek to learn and follow in God’s way.
We come as willing and obedient servants.
Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us.
God calls us as workers for justice.
God sends us out as advocates for the dispossessed.
We are here to be equipped for ministry.
We expect to be empowered for our service.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.
* INVOCATION PRAYER

For the rich heritage we have received from your hand, we are grateful, O God.
You have fashioned our hearts and observed our deeds.
Now we come together, awaiting further instructions from your Word.
Teach us here what we need to know in order to live faithfully in this troubled world.
Lead us beyond the routines of worship to a genuine, life-changing encounter with you.

Amen.

* HYMN #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

* CALL TO CONFESSION Pete Maffia

Is this another solemn assembly of people who are quite content with ourselves and unable to confront our hidden sin?
Do we live in self-protective rebellion against God’s call to rescue the oppressed and devote our selves to seeking justice for all?
Have we become a burden to God?
Let us join our voices in corporate confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will.
We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm.
Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on your mission in which we can share.
Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with you restored.
Amen.

(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

Wash yourselves until you are clean.
Seek justice, rescue the oppressed, turn from evil to do good.
As you share in God’s agenda,
your sins of scarlet become as pure as new-fallen snow.
God is pleased to welcome you into that realm where all are blessed
and where true treasures can be found.

Alleluia and Amen!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams
Elizabeth Lee Hayden and Quinn Joseph Hayden

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
When you invest generously in the work to which God calls us,
your whole life is drawn into fulfilling relationships with God
and with the people you are helping. Do not be afraid to share.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord a New Song
Robert Lau

People and tongues of every nation sing to the Lord a new song.
Bring Him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song.
All God’s creatures, old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love.
He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song.
Mountains and hills and all creation, sing to the Lord a new song.
Join the song. Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song.
Praise His name, sing “Alleluia!” Praise Him for His mighty deeds. This is the song, our supplication: Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise him shining stars, and praise Him highest heavens. Oh, all kings and princes praise his holy name. Angels above make melody to him. Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing! Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song. Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song. Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; dance your dance and shout for joy. Make music now as heaven rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song. Psalms 148, 149, 150, paraphrased

* 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

Thank you, God, for welcoming us into your caring realm, where we claim the needs of others as our concern. We are finding a homeland in your service and we are grateful. Above all, may our offerings be an outpouring of thanksgiving for a God who does not forget us. Your promises are sure and your faithfulness is to all generations.

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.
THE READINGS

Epistle  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  (Pg. 242 or LP Pg. 225)
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM  
Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You
Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh Lord.
I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.
Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.
And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hands.
Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?
Oh Lord, I stretch my hands to you. Amen.

Gospel  
Luke 12:32-40  (Pg. 76 or LP Pg. 75)
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE  
Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Who or What has your heart?”

* HYMN #525  
Let Us Break Bread Together
LET US BREAK BREAD

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION  
(Please see insert)
BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Enter your everyday world dressed for action.
Let your lamps of faith light up the world.

We are ready to meet God at home and at work.
We are ready to serve wherever we are.

God, whose Word prepared vast worlds beyond our knowing,
welcomes us as covenant partners in this world.

Direct our steps, O God, and we will obey.
We respond to your promises in faith and trust.

Work for justice and peace where you live.
Let your prayers embrace those in need.

God is our assurance and our peace.
God is the light along our way.

CHORAL RESPONSE

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 a-minor

J. S. Bach
There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Online Giving:</th>
<th>Mobile Giving:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>oldstonechurch.org/giving/</td>
<td>Text the keyword “oldstonecle” to 73256</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mail to:</th>
<th>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.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Old Stone Church</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Attn: Financial Office</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>91 Public Square</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cleveland, OH 44113</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**The Old Stone Church**

*Loving Christ, Serving City—Spiritually, Socially, Culturally—Since 1820*

91 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44113-2058

**Phone:** 216-241-6145  **Fax:** 216-241-6149

**Website:** www.OldStoneChurch.org  **E-Mail:** info@OldStoneChurch.org

Music copied under ccli#1638695

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

**Director of Music and Musical Arts:** David C. Daugherty

**Old Stone Singers Quartet**

Val Sibila, soprano  Ian Atwood, tenor
McKenna Jones, alto  Seth Hobi, bass

**Church Elders:**

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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

**Church Deacons:**

Class of 2023  Class of 2024  Class of 2025

Ian 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