



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

A MOMENT OF SILENCE ON THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

John W. Young, *bugler*

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Arr. by Frederick Swann

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Laurie Moormann

INTROIT

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

*Sing to the Lord a new song.
his praise in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,
and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.*

Psalm 149:1-2

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God looks on humankind to see if any are wise.

Who is seeking after God above all else?

We look to Jesus Christ for wisdom and truth;

we reach out to be strengthened for service.

The winds of God blow among us to winnow and cleanse.

They sweep through our midst in judgment.

Have mercy on us, O God, and wash away our sin.

Do not let your wrath burn against us.

Remember your promises to us, O God.

Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

We seek to know you and to grow in understanding.

Confront us here and light our way out of the void.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Hear our cries, O God, for we recognize our need for your mercy.

We are fearful to encounter you, yet we cannot live without you.

We are like lost sheep who have wandered away
from the best we know and cannot find our way back.

We want you to find us, but we fear your punishment.

Come, Good Shepherd, to rescue us from ourselves.

Amen.

* HYMN #634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

The image displays the musical score for Hymn #634, 'To God Be the Glory'. It is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, with two verses of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef, and the vocal parts are written in the treble clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Don Guenther

We are to God like precious coins, worth seeking when we are lost.
We are like sheep who have gone astray
and yet are valued so much that God persists in searching for us.
God has come among us here and knows where we are.
We can keep no secrets;
we can only hurt ourselves by hiding rather than confessing.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for personal silent confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have been fools. We have said in our hearts, "There is no God."
Our deeds deny you. Our plans do not include you.
We grumble and complain,
criticizing those who embody your love for all people.
We have turned aside from the way you command.
Our greed is robbing this fruitful land and creating a desert.
The world is full of suffering people whom we ignore.
O God, is there any hope for us?

(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

Forgiveness is not offered lightly or superficially.
Yet it is always available to those who recognize their spiritual poverty
and seek new life in Christ.
God is a refuge for those who are truly repentant.
God delivers us and restores us with mercy and grace.
There is great rejoicing when sinners seek forgiveness
and turn to serve God in love.

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

We have the opportunity to join with God
in providing for the poor and oppressed.
Our gifts carry God's mercy to people who have not known God's love
or discovered the joy of living in harmony with God's good earth
and with their sisters and brothers.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Kyrie

John Leavitt

Kyrie elesion
Christe eleison
Kyrie elesion
Allelu!

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
God be praised!

* 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

Don Guenther

Because we have been blessed by you, O God, we are delighted to share.
Because there are many who do not enjoy your bounty,
we search for ways to help them.
Thank you for showing us the way of mercy and patient example,
the way of generosity and self-forgetful service,
the way of faithfulness and joyous celebration.
Bless us and our offerings, we pray. 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

Caroline Eifert

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

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence.

But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.

But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch

Come Thou Fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

I am bound for the kingdom; will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

Oh! To grace how great a debtor. Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let the grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, deal it from thy courts above.

I am bound for the kingdom; will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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

We Love to Sound Your Praises

PASSION CHORALE

We love to sound your praises,
To lift our hands above,
To sing how grace amazes, To celebrate your love.
Yet, God, your world is grieving;
Is your heart breaking, too?
May we cry out, believing Laments can honor you.

Like Jeremiah, crying,
For cities that were lost,
We see the children dying Who know war's awful cost.
Each day repeats the story; Sin takes its toll again.
How can we sing your glory When our hearts break with them?

The scope of sin is broader
Than what the late news tells;
Rejecting living water, We dig our broken wells.
In gods of our own making We look for joy each day;
O God, is your heart breaking When we all turn away?

O God, you came to save us In Christ,
your suffering Son.
In his death you forgave us; In his life, joy is won!
And when this world is suffering,
When songs of grief abound,
May we work for your kingdom Till alleluias sound!

-Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rejoice that lost ones have been found.

Give thanks daily that God has found you.

How wonderful that the lost have been found!

How exciting that God reaches out to claim us!

Join in welcoming all people whom God loves.

Go after those who are need of God's mercy.

God will restore their fortunes.

They will receive all they need from God's hand.

You will share in the joy of salvation.

You will hear the sounds of gladness.

Praise God for deliverance and judgment.

Give thanks for the experience of grace.

* 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 F-Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

You're Invited to The Dougbe River School 2022 Gala In-person or On-line



Sunday, September 25, 2022
at St. Noel Banquet Center
35200 Chardon Road Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
In-person Gala 5:00-8:00 PM
On-line Program 7:00-8:00 PM

Individual Ticket: \$60 Table for 8 people: \$450



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>

Please feel free to email me at cairnsc13@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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Van Parker II, *tenor*
Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*
Ralph Randall, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*
McKenna Jones, *alto*
Emma Nossem, *alto*

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Seth Hobi, *bass*

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