

The Old Stone Church

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOMECOMING SUNDAY

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Pavane from Rhythmic Suite

Robert Elmore

WELCOME

INTROIT

Cry Out and Shout

Knut Nystedt

Cry out and Shout, ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song! There-fore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation. Cry out and Shout, ye people of God!

Adapted from Isaiah 12 by Frank Pooler

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come away and rest for a while.

Leave behind the busyness to be fully present to God.

We have come for relief from life's turmoil.

God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep. God's steadfast love surrounds us here.

We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

This is God's house, and we are God's children.

God invites us to feel at home in this place.

We have a covenant with our Creator.

This is the time for renewal of our promises.

God calls for righteousness and justice.

God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.

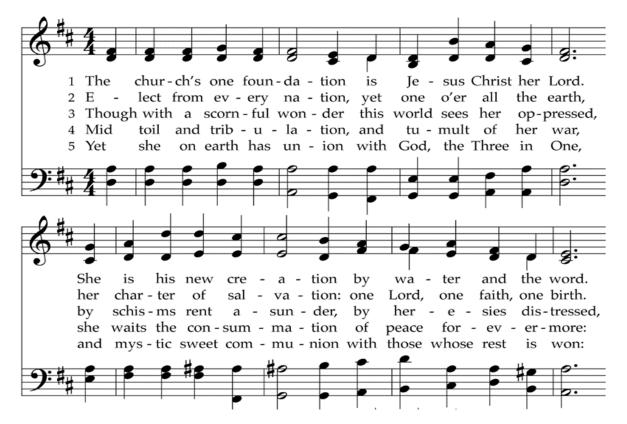
* INVOCATION PRAYER

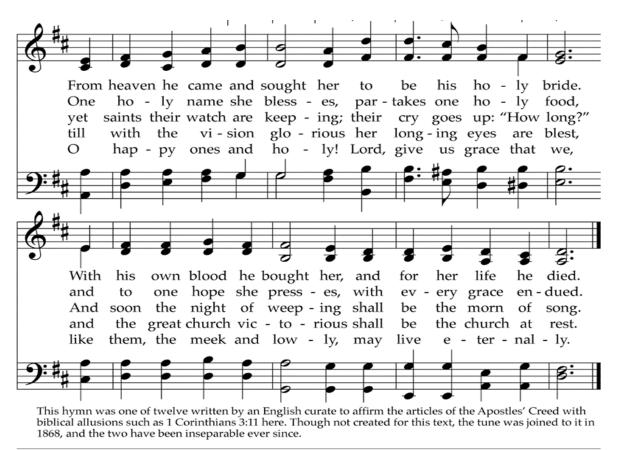
Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do. Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. We feel your compassion for us and for all your children. We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust. You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. Amen.

* HYMN #321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA





TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt. MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Elizabeth Hewett

Alienated from our spiritual selves,

we come to this time of confession seeking wholeness amid a fragmented world. The false promise of a good life, filled with things, has erected barriers among us. There are dividing walls of hostility separating God's people.

We are called to admit our role in this brokenness.

Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,

followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all times and places, we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age. We have disobeyed your commandments, violated your covenant with us, and forsaken your ways. We have denied our need for you and mistreated those whom you have called us to love. We have become strangers and aliens, plagued by false values that squeeze life from our souls. Loving Parent, hear your penitent children, and let us come home, 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

We are no longer strangers and aliens but are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on one foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone. We are the church, God's forgiven and forgiving people, becoming a temple in which God is pleased to dwell. Let us join our spirits and our voices in giving thanks for God's pardon and continuing offer of healing.

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 bring a portion of all God entrusts to us to be used, not for our pet projects, but for the mission of the church, in this community, throughout our land and around the world. We express our gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ and for the peace we know deep within when we become disciples and apostles. May we follow the model of God's generosity.

<u>OFFERING</u>

OFFERTORY

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee. For all the dangers toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God, and I'll serve Him no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in times of storm, and I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed. Trust and never doubt Jesus will surely bring you out He never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel I know He will deliver you. Trust and never doubt Jesus will surely bring you out He never failed me yet.

* DOXOLOGY #607

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

Rev. Elizabeth Hewett

Receive our best, gracious God,

as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks.

Establish your rule in our midst so we may proclaim your reign in the world. Send us where you need us most.

Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community.

Be to us a watchful Parent, and teach us to live as sisters and brothers who find you in one another and respond in love to each other's needs. 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

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

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

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth,

called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that Christ might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

So Christ Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

OLD HUNDREDTH

So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone⁷ in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Lord is my Shepherd

Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me 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 they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized Jesus and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever Jesus went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Coming Home"



This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

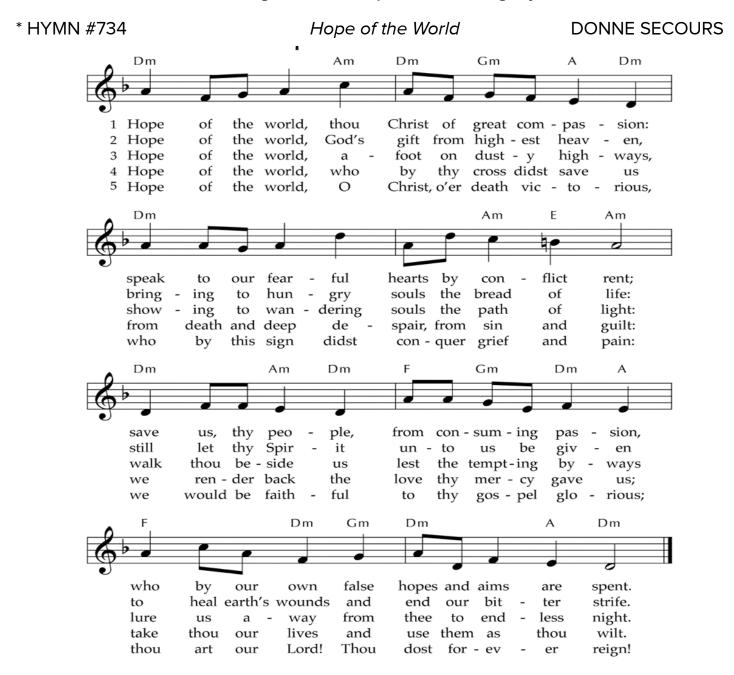
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over five hundred others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World."

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Live with hope, for God is ever with us every day. Live in peace, for God turns us from hostility.

We are one in Christ, who died for us.

We are one in the Spirit who creates community.

Renew your covenant with God and people.

Celebrate the oneness of humanity in Christ.

We have daily access to God our Parent.

We are citizens with the saints in God's family.

There are people in the marketplace awaiting good news.

Go to people you know who need your healing presence.

We seek to recognize the needs around us.

We commit ourselves to help as God gives us strength.

* 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	Gigue Fugue in C-Major	Dietrich Buxtehude



Our drive up Fall Food Drive, in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and presented by Old Stone Church's Mission & Urban Wellness committee, takes place on **Sunday, October 2nd from 9 a.m.-1:30p.m.**

Participants (active church-goers, and the entire community) are asked to drive up and donate goods from their car to the Food Bank food truck which will be positioned on Ontario St, near the side entrance to Old Stone Church.

> Old Stone Church and The Greater Cleveland Food non-

Bank request the following perishable items:

Two cans of fruitTwo cans of vegetablesCans of baked beansCans of "Dinty Moore" stewCans of tuna fishJars of peanut butterBoxes of mac and cheeseBoxes of oatmealBagged or boxed riceDry pasta

As a special "thank you", all service attendees on September 18th (Homecoming) will receive an Old Stone Church shopping bag (to keep for themselves) as well as a brown paper bag with a shopping list (to use to drop off goods at the food drive!)



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 <u>cairnsc13@hotmail.com</u> 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



A New Fellowship Opportunity Dinners for 6,7 or 8

We are launching a new Fellowship activity called Dinners for 6,7, or 8 and inviting all to participate. These dinners provide an opportunity for a small group of couples and singles to come together for a meal, perhaps some spiritual discussion, and just plain fellowship to get to know one another better and have an enjoyable evening.

Small groups, organized by a volunteer coordinating group, have several get-togethers over a period of about six months. Each couple or individual take responsibility for hosting or arranging one gathering. The meals can be served at the organizer's home, a pot-luck dinner, or a dinner out, depending on the choices the group makes.

At the end of the first six or so months, the groups are reshuffled and another set of gatherings is planned.

The people involved may expand as we get into the program. Friends and neighbors may be added for a specific time. This can be helpful in welcoming new people, who, in turn, may decide to become more involved with Old Stone.

If you have an interest in joining in, please contact Fred Heider at 330-958-0483 or marilynmcc@aol.com.

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: 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.

THE OLD STONE CHURCH

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Director of Music and Musical Arts: David C. Daugherty

Old Stone Singers

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Cicely Schonberg, soprano	Van Parker II, <i>tenor</i>
Val Sibila, soprano	Frederick Peterbark, <i>tenor</i>
	Ralph Randall, <i>tenor</i>

Rayna Brooks, *alto* McKenna Jones, *alto* Emma Nossem, *alto* R. Dominic Aragon, *bass* Joseph K. Breslau, *bass* Seth Hobi, *bass*

Church Elders: Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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