



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

Create in Me

John Purifoy

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
I pray. Restore to me the joy of salvation and hold me with thy free spirit.
Create a clean heart, within me.

Psalm 51: 10, 12

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High.

Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

God reigns through all generations.

We will praise God as long as we live.

We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress.

We count on God's faithfulness at all times.

God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid.

We call on God for protection and rescue.

Worship God, who richly provides us with all things.

Give thanks to the One who dwells in unapproachable light.

God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever.

We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Ever-present God, let your Spirit fill this place,

for we need to know that you in charge.

Through the terrors of night, amid the arrows that fly by day,
we need to sense your power, your protection, your higher purpose.

Show us here your saving, healing strength.

Grant to us such confidence and contentment

that we may look beyond ourselves to become a blessing to others.

Amen.

* HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Michael Rolén

How easily we find our security in things!
 We are tempted and trapped by senseless and harmful desires.
 We become indifferent to the plight of our brothers and sisters.
 We lose touch with God.
 We are in need of God's mercy, forgiveness, and help.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages
 that we forget who makes them possible.
 We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith.
 We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty.
 We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we.
 We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand.
 O God, forgive our misplaced priorities.
 Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts
 so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now.

(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

You were called to eternal life when you made your first confession of faith.
Set your hope on God, who richly provides all things for our enjoyment.
Do good; be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.
In so doing, you will take hold of life as it is meant to be and you
will realize the ever-present realm of God.

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

Because love of money is the root of all evil,
we seek to make wealth a tool for accomplishing good
more than for accumulating things.
Because we have been blessed in order that we might share,
we bring our offerings with gratitude and rejoicing.
Let us give thanks with glad and generous hearts.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In Paradisum from Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

In Paradisum deducant te Angeli
in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus Angelorum te suscipiant
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.

May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs greet you at your arrival
and lead you into the holy City of Jerusalem.
And May the choir of Angels greet you
and like Lazarus, who once was a poor man,
may you have eternal rest.

* 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

Michael Rolan

What a joy to have something to give!
Thank you, God, for granting us choices in the use of all you have placed on earth for our use.
We have chosen this portion to dedicate for the ministry of the church in our community and in outreach throughout the world.
Make us aware of the needy at our doors as well as lost ones everywhere who long for the bread of life. 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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is, of course, great benefit in religion, but only for those who are content with what they have. We brought nothing into the world, nor have we the power to take anything out. If we have food and clothing, we have all that we need. Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and a trap. They are letting themselves be captured by foolish and harmful desires which will draw us down to ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all evil. Some people, in their passion for it, have strayed from the faith and have come to grief among great pain.

But you are to flee from these things. As one dedicated to God, strive to be a person of integrity and piety, filled with faith and love, patience and gentleness. Run the great race of the faith. Take firm hold of the everlasting life to which you were called when, in the presence of many witnesses, you made the good profession of faith.

Before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who spoke up as a witness of truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I charge you to keep God's commandment without fault or reproach until our Savior Jesus Christ appears. This appearance God will bring to pass in a chosen time. God alone is the Sovereign over all, the blessed and only ruler above all earthly rulers, who alone possesses immortality, and who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no human being has ever seen or can see. To God be the honor and the everlasting kingdom! Amen.

Warn those who are blessed with this world's goods not to look down on other people. They are not to put their hope in wealth, for it is uncertain. Instead, they are to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with all that we need for our enjoyment. Tell them they are to do good and be wealthy in good works. They are to be generous and willing to share. In this way, they'll create a treasure for the future, and guarantee the only life that is real.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Poor Man Lazrus

arr. by Jester Hairston

Poor man Lazrus, sick and disabled,
Dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table,
Dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame. I'm tormented in the flame.
I'm tormented in the flame.
Rich man Divies he lived so well,
Dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.
And when he died he went straight to hell,
Dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame. I'm tormented in the flame.
I'm tormented in the flame.
I love to shout, I love to sing,
Dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame.
I love to praise thy heavenly king,
Dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue,
'Cause I'm tormented in the flame. I'm tormented in the flame.
I'm tormented in the flame.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

"Once there was a rich person who dressed in purple and linen and feasted splendidly every day. At the gate at this person's estate lay a beggar named Lazarus, who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich person's table, and even the dogs came and licked Lazarus' sores. One day poor Lazarus died and was carried by the angels to the arms of Sarah and Abraham. The rich person likewise died and was buried.

In Hades, in torment, the rich person looked up and saw Sarah and Abraham in the distance, and Lazarus resting in their company. "Sarah and Abraham,' the rich person cried, 'have pity on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am tortured by these flames!' But they said, 'My child, remember that you were well off in your lifetime, while Lazarus was in misery. Now Lazarus has found consolation here, and you have found torment. But that's not all. Between you and us a fixed chasm, so that those who might wish to come to you from here can't do so, nor can anyone cross from your side to us.'

The rich person said, 'I beg you, then, to send Lazarus, to my own house where I have five siblings. Let Lazarus be a warning to them, so that they may not end in this place of torment.' But Sarah and Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let your siblings hear them.' 'Please, I beg you,' the rich person said, if someone would only go to them from the dead, then they would repent.' 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, Sarah and Abraham replied, they won't be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead!'"

The Word of the Lord.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"To Fight or Run?!"

* HYMN #766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MC KEE

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

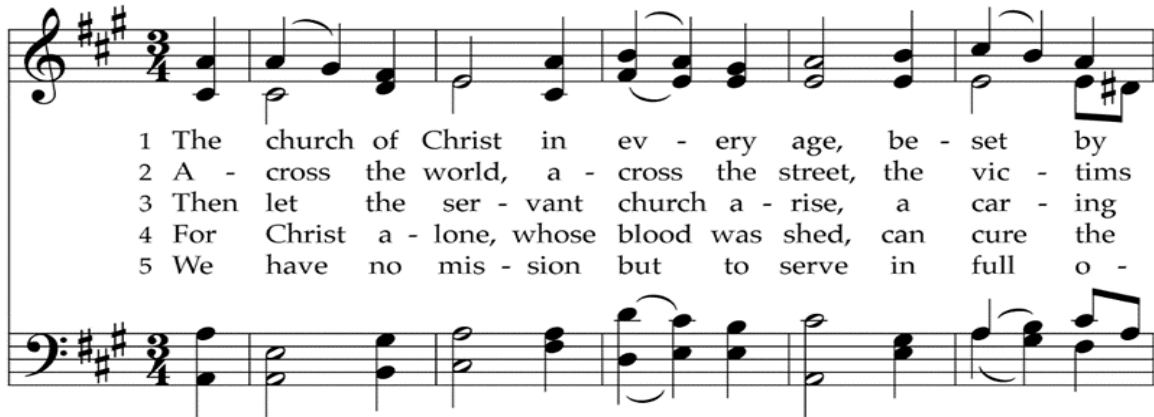
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pursue righteousness and godliness, today and always.

Face life with gentleness and endurance.

The love of God sends us out to share love.

The riches of God inspire our generosity.

Run the great race of faith.

Take hold of eternal life in the midst of every day.

We are called to a life with eternity in it.

We are blessed with God's presence always.

God's works and caring contain their own blessing.

Our lives dance with meaning when we share.

We rejoice in God's healing touch.

We give thanks for salvation so richly given.

* 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

Fanfare

John Cook



An Old Stone Church welcome and thank you to, James Cobbs and Cheryl Lydston
residents of Front Steps Housing and Services.





**Greater Cleveland
Food Bank**

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 Bank request the following non-perishable items:

Two cans of fruit	Two cans of vegetables
Cans of baked beans	Cans of "Dinty Moore" stew
Cans of tuna fish	Jars of peanut butter
Boxes of mac and cheese	Boxes of oatmeal
Bagged or boxed rice	Dry pasta



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: 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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Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Van Parker II, *tenor*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Ralph Randall, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

McKenna Jones, *alto*

Emma Nossem, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Joseph K. Breslau, *bass*

Seth Hobi, *bass*

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