The Old Stone Church

JANUARY 22, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE
Meditation
J. Massenet
Emily Lorenzon, violin

WELCOME
Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT
You Are the Light
Tom Fettke

You are the Light we see. You are the Truth we know. You are the Life we live.
Living God, Loving God we glorify your name High and Holy One come down
We lift our hearts in praise Prince of Peace, Emmanuel Jesus Lord of love
Within our hearts Your light. Within our minds Your truth. Within our lives Your love.
Living Your hope, Spreading Your joy, Singing Your beautiful song. Your song.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.
* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.
Come, all who have walked amid terror of the night.

* Sometimes we have felt oppressed and forsaken.
  * Our losses seem greater than we can bear.

God is our light and our salvation.
God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

* Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.
  * We come now, seeking God’s face.

Come, behold the beauty of our God.
Come, to find shelter in a day of trouble.

* We will sing and make melody to God.
  * We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Shine on us today, gracious God,
for we need the light and salvation you offer.
Come to each one gathered here,
and to all who are a part of this community of faith.
Come to our nation, our world,
to still the quarrels and dissolve the enmity among us.
Come with good news of health and wholeness for everyone.
Do not cast us off, do not forsake us, O God of our salvation.
Amen.
Morning Has Broken

1 Morning has broken like the first morning; black-bird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the dew-fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet one light E-den saw play! Praise with e-lation; praise every morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain’s new fall sun-lit from heaven, like the first garden, sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the morning, God’s re-cre-a-tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of “new” and “first,” each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
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Jesus came to Galilee with the message of John the Baptist: Repent, for God’s realm has come near. His invitation went out to common everyday folk: Follow me. We too, are called to repent and to follow. Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession, followed by time for personal silent confession.

Turn our lives around, God. Help us to identify in ourselves those parts of us that need to change if we are to experience your joy. Too long we have been hiding in the shadows, reluctant to express our faith. Too long we have shunned the light, afraid of what might be exposed. Too long we have avoided people with whom we have a quarrel, refusing to build bridges across our differences. Save us from ourselves that we may enjoy your realm.

(moment of silent confession)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Light has come. Salvation is poured out on those who accept it. God is gracious and reaches out to welcome us. We are free to accept the invitation to follow Jesus. There is good news of forgiveness and healing to be shared. Let's do it

Alleluia and Amen!

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

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

Please be seated.
What can we do to send the message of the cross
to those who think it is foolishness?
How will the gospel be proclaimed to people who are perishing,
both within and far beyond this church?
One way is through the sharing of resources God has given us—
our time, talent, and treasure.
Let us give with joy.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY        Sanctus        Charles Gounod
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,        Holy, Holy, Holy,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.             Lord God of Hosts.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.              Hosanna in the highest.

* DOXOLOGY #607
OLD HUNDREDFTH
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  (Please be seated.)  Brad Oglesby
Let us pray:
Let these gifts follow Christ’s lead into the lives of people
who live in poverty or despair.
O God, use them to heal divisions among your children.
Show us how to be instruments of peace.
Ready us to follow Jesus, to make an offering of ourselves, not just our money.
Teach us so we may teach others.
Heal us so we can become instruments of healing.
To these purposes we dedicate this offering and our lives.
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

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

Hebrew Scripture                    Isaiah 9:1-4 (NRSV Updated Version)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM          The Call           Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
    Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
    Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
    Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.
Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Fish for People—Catch and Release”
HYMN #170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

1 You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
2 You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
3 We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom’s name;

We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread your net of gospel across the water’s face,
You call us, Lord, to gather God’s daughters and God’s sons,

then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."
our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.
to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

Based on Jesus’ calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18-22/Mark 1:16-20/Luke 5:4-11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
MUSIC: Johann Steurlein, 1575

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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 #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
3 “Will you let the blind led see if I but call your name?
4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.
* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

People of the light, turn to face a new week.
People of joy, enter your daily routines empowered.

**God is our light and our salvation.**
**We will not be afraid to live our joy.**

People of unity, seek to overcome divisions.
People of commitment, dare to follow Jesus.

**Christ is our example and our leader.**
**We will care enough to fish for people.**
God is gracious to us and blesses us.
We are being saved by the power of God.

**God offers us life in the heavenly realm.**
**We can begin to experience it here and now.**


**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

*MY FLESH AND MY HEART MAY FAIL,*
*but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

Psalm 73:26

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We continue to keep in our prayers:

Rebecca Simmons and her family and the Daugherty family,
Kim Bischel, James Castrigano and family, the Brownfield family, the Hood family,
the Hubert family, the Jack Moreland family, Mary and Earl Rolen,
Chris Ronayne in his new role as County Executive
and we pray for our country, our city, and our leaders.

We pray for the repose of the soul of David C. Daugherty,
may his memory be a blessing.

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

*Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.*
News from Session

Stated Session Meeting/Hybrid
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
6:30PM

Called Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2023
To elect elders and deacons and the congregational nominating committee, immediately after the worship service in the Sanctuary.
The Installation and Ordination will follow immediately after the meeting is adjourned.

Jan 22-Jan 29
Sun Jan 22 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Epiphany III
Mon Jan 23 6:30pm –8:00pm Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM
Tue Jan 24 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
       6:30pm—8:30pm Stated Session Meeting/ Hybrid/ Cuyahoga Room
Thu Jan 26 7:00pm—9pm Choir Rehearsal
Sun Jan 29 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Epiphany IV
       11:00am –12:30pm Called Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
       12:30pm –1:00pm Installation and Ordination/
       Elected Elders and Deacons/Sanctuary
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Guest Organist: Jason Lorenzon

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, soprano
Cicely Schonberg, soprano
Val Sibila, soprano
Rayna Brooks, alto
McKenna Jones, alto
Emma Nossem, alto

Ian Atwood, tenor
Frederick Peterbark, tenor
Andrew J. Schoenhofer, tenor
R. Dominic Aragon, bass
Joseph K. Breslau, bass
Seth Hobi, bass

Church Elders:
Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2023
Dorothy Baunach
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Judy Macuga
Harriet Niles
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Marty Vassel
John Young

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