



# 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.



Hearing loop installed. Switch hearing aid to T-coil

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 morn - ing, 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.

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Brad Oglesby

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.

\* PRAYER OF 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)*

KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

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

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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!**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

\* 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

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,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### \* 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 *(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.

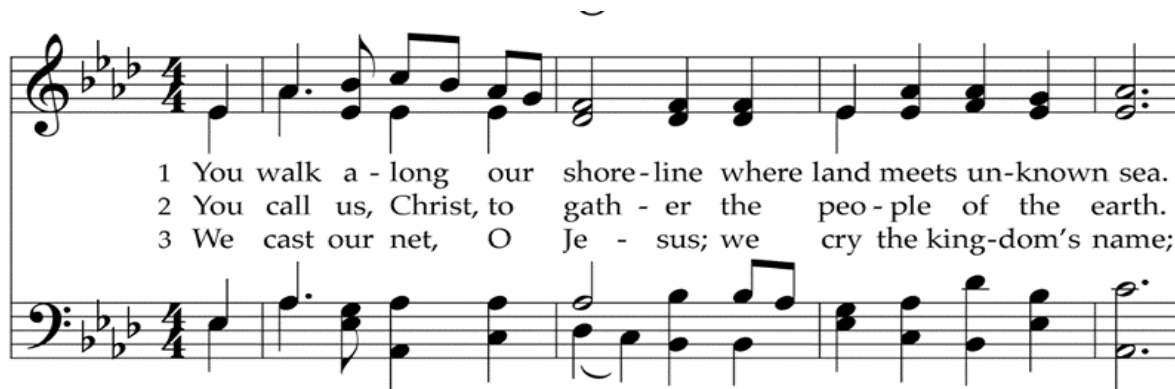
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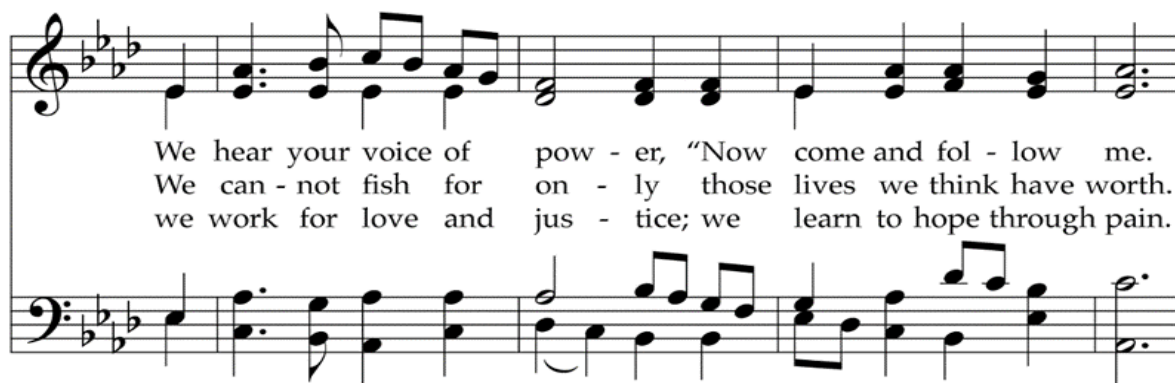
PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

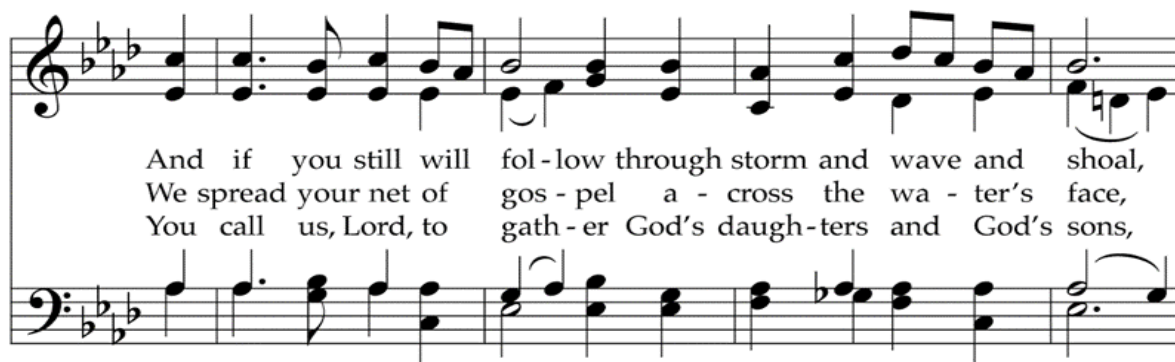
“Fish for People—Catch and Release”



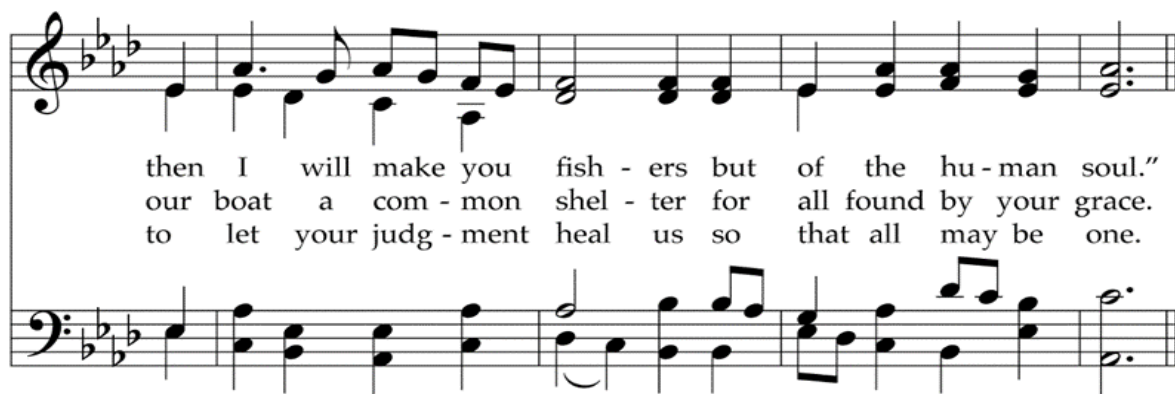
1 You walk a - long our shore-line where land meets un-known sea.  
 2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.  
 3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
 We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.  
 we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol-low through storm and wave and shoal,  
 We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,  
 You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh-ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."  
 our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
 to let your judg - ment 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.

## 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

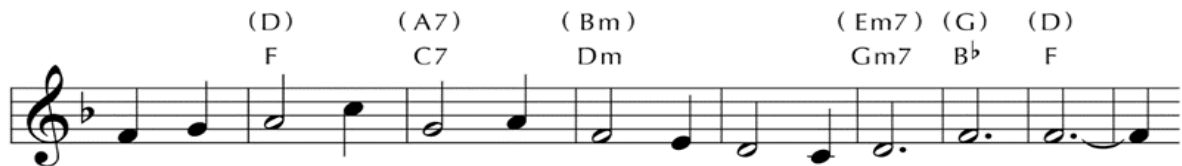
\* HYMN #726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE



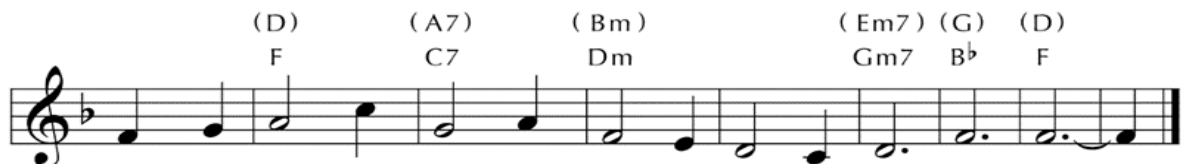
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit 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.”*

*Psalms 73:26*



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

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

**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

Kara Bane

Willie Brown

#### Class of 2024

Beth Buchanan

Robert Hubert Jr.

Judy Macuga

Harriet Niles

Lee Ann Rader

Marty Vassel

John Young

#### Class of 2025

Janie Chambers

Fred Heider

Bernard Medie

Bob Reid

### Church Deacons:

#### Class of 2023

Ian Atwood

Jessica Atwood

Elizabeth Harris

#### Class of 2024

Melissa Maffia

Pete Maffia

Mary Mikula

Michael Rolén

Penni Rolén

Alyssa Niepokny

#### Class of 2025

Scott Bailey

Bernie Bischel

Carol Hoagland

Amy Wheeler

John Wheeler