WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE
There Is a Happy Land (Meditation)  Charles Callahan

WELCOME
Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

INTROIT
Unity  G. Moone/F. Washington

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Lord, we pray for unity.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.
* CALL TO WORSHIP
Throughout God’s world this day Christian churches are celebrating the Eucharist as one family dining together in one room under one roof.

Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, Central America, India, Asia and in all lands and countries join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
Neither powers nor principalities shall stop us nor deter our purpose, our sense of mission, or our challenge to go forth as disciples into every town, village, and crossroad proclaiming the love of Christ for all creation.

In Christ’s love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love and peace for all.
Let us praise Christ! May this holy meal empower each of us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.
The bread and the fruit of the vine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that surpasses the might of missiles and the walls of oppression.
May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!
Praise be to Christ our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior!

* INVOCATION PRAYER
We marvel, O God, at the thought that you care about us.
We are amazed that the Creator of the universe would take on human flesh to draw near to us in ways we could begin to understand.
As Jesus emptied himself to serve, modeling your love even in the face of death, we seek in these moments to lay aside self-interest that we might take direction from you.
Help us to humble ourselves in order to obey you, to listen in order to hear, to care in order to serve.
As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit.
Knead us together in one loaf.
Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere.
May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ.
Amen.
* HYMN #264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm

1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
2 Humbled for a season to receive a name
3 Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
4 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)
F C Dm F Gm

every tongue confess him King of glory now;
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)
C Am Dm C G C

'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)
Dm C Am Gm F C Dm

who from the beginning was the mighty Word,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5-11),
though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung.
It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

TEXT: Caroline Maria Noel, 1870, alt.
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, people of God,
out of your separateness,
to enter into unity with one another,
and with all those who seek the presence of Christ Jesus,
through the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.
Come, confessing the sin that separates you from God and from one another.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.
Thus, we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God of all people and places,
we confess to you our lack of oneness with our human sisters and brothers
as we begin this celebration of unity in Christ.
We have closed our ears to voices of pain, and of wisdom,
when they speak in accents other than our own.
We have lacked the vision to see that people living in places we call foreign
are as surely your children as we are.
Our sensibilities are jarred even by the way our nearest neighbors
express their faith in Christ.
We cling to the pride of nation and denomination
as if we had a special claim on truth and leadership.
Gracious God, forgive us, and renew a right spirit within us,
a spirit of compassion, understanding, and humility.
Fill us with the vision of unity in Christ,
and enable us to incarnate Christ's love,
so that we may worthily partake in the body of Christ
and the cup of the new covenant.

(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

The good news in Christ
is that God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to acknowledge them.
The God of peace be with you all,
keeping you in unity with Christ's people everywhere,
with who we profess this ancient song of praise.
We praise you, O God.

We acknowledge you as the rightful object of our worship and obedience.
All earth worships you.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
The goodly company of the prophets praise you.
Day by day we glorify you,
and we worship your name forever world without end.
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
Please be seated:
As Christ gave up selfish ambition and conceit for human beings like us,
may we offer our best for sisters and brothers
who need the message we can send
and the practical help we can provide through our offerings.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
Bread of Heaven  
David Ashley White

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed: for thy Flesh is meat indeed:
ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread;
day by day with strength supplied through the life of Him who died.

  Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;
  Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live:
  Jesu, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

* 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  
Rev. Denise Clark-Jones
Let us join our voices in prayer:

We empty our pockets, trusting you, O God.
We empty our selfish ambitions,
believing that the common good is of greater concern.
We give because you have richly blessed us.
We present ourselves in your service
because you have gifted us in so many ways.
We reach out helping hands
because we care about all those you have called us to love.
May every tongue confessing Christ as Savior
share in that mind which so powerfully demonstrates your love.
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

Let us pray together:

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                         Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSVUE)

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in  
the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the  
same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing  
from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than  
yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of  
others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.
Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my  
presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear  
and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to  
work for God’s good pleasure.

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.  

With God’s help we are listening.
When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“One World in Christ”
WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HYMN#510

We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name
COME, SHARE THE LORD

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)
Bb B F F

1 We gather here in Jesus’ name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We’ll gather soon where angels sing;

(D)
F

his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
we’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;

(A7) (D) (A) (D)
C7 F C F

for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:

(G) (D) (Em) (A)
Bb F Gm C F

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
C7 F Bb C7 F

(1) No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
(2) We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ’s post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

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INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

On this day, especially, when the barriers between people are struck down, God invites us to join Christians everywhere at the holy banquet table. This is not my table, nor the Old Stone Church’s table, but the table of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and all are welcome here.

PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Author of all life, in whose image each of us is made, hear our prayer of thanks for all your good gifts. Out of all the people on earth, you took our spiritual ancestors and made them your people. In the deserts of our lives, you have been with us. You meet us on the mountains and go with us through the valleys. You supply our every need. In Jesus Christ, your love for all was made evident. He ate with outcasts, strengthened the weary, walked with the lonely. He offered his life on our behalf; was crucified, died, and rose victorious even over death.

Therefore, we join our voices with the voices of all created things, And with the voices of Your old and faithful friends, Saints that have gone before us to praise You, Saying this prayer of thanksgiving and praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty, The whole universe speaks of Your glory, O God most high. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!
On the night Jesus was betrayed, 
he gathered his friends from all walks of life, 
wishing to share his last meal with those he loved. 
He took a common loaf of bread 
and made it into the extra-ordinary Bread of Life. 
He broke it and shared it with them, saying, 
“When you eat this, it will bless you. 
This bread represents my body which is broken for you. 
Take some and eat it.” 
Then he poured ordinary drink and blessed it. 
He said, “Drink this, all of you. 
It represents my blood offered for you. 
Remember that your sins are forgiven.” 
Let us remember together the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.


Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, 
blessed and broke it and saying:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha’olam hamotzi lekhem min ha’aretz.

“Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, 
who brings forth bread from the earth.

When we break the bread. 
Is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?”

And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it saying:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha’olam borei p’ri hagafen.

“Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, 
who creates the fruit of the vine.

When we give thanks over the cup. 
Is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?”
PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, send power upon these gifts, your bread and your cup.
Bless them and your people all around the world.
As we eat of these common elements, unite our spirits in love for you,
and our hearts in love for one another.
In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, the Sustainer.
to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to live Christ.
Now and forever.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

We pray for all those in need of healing, comfort or strength,
whether it be of body, mind, or spirit. We pray for...

We pray 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.

CALL TO THE FEAST

This is the feast prepared for you.
Come and share for all is ready.
Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
and then place the cup back into the tray.
You may then light a candle in petition of prayer
or in remembrance.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The Body of Christ broken for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ’s love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, for making one people out of many.
Thank you for your love in Jesus,
who invites us to his table, a people forgiven.
Look upon us as we leave this feast,
that the union we have shared here not be forgotten,
but be used to strengthen our bonds with all your people.
Amen.

* HYMN #318

* HYMN #318  In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in
him no south or north, but one great fellow-
ship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
golden cord close-binding human kind.
living God are surely kin to me.
one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

ST. PETER

In Christ shall true hearts every where their
high communion find; his service is the
e'er your race may be. All children of the
him meet south and north. All Christ-ly souls are

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-

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* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Go forth and serve in the spirit of Christ.
Dare to question false values that hold us captive.

We will seek the mind of Christ in all things.
We will put aside selfish ambition and conceit.
Look to the greatest interests of all people.
In humility, view each person as precious to God.

We count it a privilege to serve in Christ's name.
We are grateful for the saving power of love.
Remember always that God is at work in you.
With God's help, amazing good can be accomplished.

May we do what we have so boldly declared.
May we follow and serve in joyous obedience.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen
John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Festal Postlude
Robert J. Powell

“My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Psalm 73:26

We continue to keep in our prayers:
Jenni Plants, Faith Battan, Barney Taxel, Gail Reid, Mark Merritt, Angela Hendricks, Eldora Levert, Melvin, Karen Cogar, Vito Zinerco, Cara Murkins, JoAnn Hood and Family

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.
Fall Book Study via ZOOM
with Pastor Stephen

Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race,

Over the past decade we have had a heightened public
discourse on race in America.
It has been a polarizing and political flash point. It is vital as
people of faith, disciples of Jesus Christ that we understand the
matter of race from a Biblical and theological perspective. At
Pentecost the gift of the Holy Spirit was the foundational
birthing of Christianity, of the church universal. We proclaim that
in baptism we are marked as God’s own and are to ever be
guided by the Holy Spirit. So, we must ask ourselves what does
the Holy Spirit have to say to us this day and age on the matter
of race. What will it take to heal ourselves, our churches,
our society, and nation?

Please join me in a five week 6:30pm Wednesday evening ZOOM book study. We will
be discussing one chapter a week, approx. 25-30 pages weekly.
The book is very accessible and scripturally grounded.

“Many titles, images and roles exist for the Holy Spirit; Luke Powery lifts up another: the
Spirit as humanizer. In this book, Powery suggests that the Spirit is the one who
humanizes us in the face of one of the most destructively dehumanizing forces our
society has known: racism. ...yet Powery’s meditation demonstrates both its fittingness
and urgency. This work resounds with sobering conviction and expectant hope.” –
Daniel Castelo, Duke University Divinity School.

Wednesday 11 October 6:30pm   Introduction & Chapter 1
Wednesday 18 October 6:30pm   Chapter 2
Wednesday 25 October 6:30pm   Chapter 3
Wednesday 1 November 6:30pm   Chapter 4
Wednesday 8 November 6:30pm   Chapter 5 & Coda

Please RSVP to Anthony@oldstonechurch.org at the church’s main office.
Books are available through Amazon or by request through the church office.
If you would like the church to order the book, please make note of that when making
your RSVP.
If the cost of the book is a hardship, scholarships are available.
Blessings,
Pastor Stephen
Old Stone Church Fall Food Drive
Old Stone Church is pleased to announce the return of our Fall Food Drive with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank NEXT Sunday, October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
A list of needed items may be found in the weekly Connexions
Please bring your filled bags to Old Stone Church on Sunday October 8, 2023.

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE FRONT STEPS OF OLD STONE CHURCH
Saturday, October 7, 2023
12:00PM – 1:30PM
Blessing of the Animals

Animals should be on leash or in a carrier.

@ Old Stone Church
Saturday October 7, 2023
12PM-1:30PM  Blessing of the Animals/ Front steps of OSC

Sunday October 8, 2023
9AM  Old Stone Church Fall Food Drive

Wednesday October 11, 2023
6:30PM  Fall Book Study Begins/ZOOM

Sunday October 15, 2023
11:00AM  Deacons Meeting/Chapel

Thursday October 19, 2023
5PM-7PM  Dale Goode Gallery Opening/Gallery
7PM  FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

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