



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*O Lord of Hosts, Whose Glory Fills*

Flor Peeters

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

John Litten  
*Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Dave Eifert

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;  
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;  
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen.  
The One we call God is beyond human description.  
**God is more than we can ever imagine.**  
**We sense God's presence as we meditate.**  
We gather in awe to bring our songs of praise.  
The Creator of all things has given us life.  
**We are amazed by the wonders around us.**  
**We feel God's presence as we sing together.**  
We are summoned by One who is just and merciful.  
The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond.  
**How amazing that God chooses us as messengers.**  
**We know God is with us as we work for justice.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Appear to us here, God of all worlds,  
for we need your assurance and blessing.  
We seek the strength to do what is right and just.  
We long to see you,  
even though we sense that a god we could see  
would be only a tiny part of you whose Spirit fills all time and space.  
We want you to have a face like ours,  
so we can find your face in Jesus,  
and occasionally in one another.  
We want to be certain that our decisions and actions are right,  
but often it is only long afterwards that we realize you were with us.  
O God, we want to be open to all you are revealing to us now.  
Amen.

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Heath

We are invited to reflect on the wrongs we have done,  
the good we have neglected and the motives that underlie our behavior.  
What are the idols that attract us, the responsibilities we seek to avoid,  
the schemes by which we pursue selfish advantages?  
God knows, but we need to recognize and confess them.  
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,  
followed by time for silent personal confession.  
Thus, we pray:

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Awesome God,**  
**how puny is our cleverness before the magnitude of your reality!**  
**How fleeting are our days measured against the far reaches of eternity!**  
**Yet we set our limited knowledge and restricted purposes against your will**  
**for us and presume to direct our own affairs and those of the whole world.**  
**O God, we are trapped in our pretensions.**  
**Turn us from our need for proof to extravagant praise.**  
**Turn us inside out**  
**so our self-interest becomes concern for all your neglected children.**  
**Suppress in us the sinful ways we find so difficult to manage on our own,**  
**that we may joyously render to you all that is already yours.**  
*(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

When we allow God to touch us,  
our malice is melted down,  
our fears are defeated,  
our failures are forgiven.  
God raises us from death to new life,  
from helplessness to hope,  
from arrogant self-seeking to humble service.  
Enter into the joy of true worship!  
**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.

We are partners with one another in this land and beyond,  
seeking to share the benefits of God's creation with all God's children.  
We support government efforts to lessen the inequities among us,  
but through the church we address spiritual problems  
that feed the prejudices and false pride that result in injustice within God's world.  
We join our offerings with our personal efforts to do God's will.  
The offering will now be received.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Let All the World*

Robert Baker

Let all the world in every corner sing! My God and King!  
The heavens are not too high, His praise my thither fly!  
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing! My God and King!

The church with psalms must shout; No door can keep them out!  
But above all the heart must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world sing! My God and King!

### \* 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

Bob Heath

Let us join our voices in prayer:

O God, we sense that you are calling us  
to manage well all the things that belong to you.  
The empires of this world have no claim  
on the resources you have provided  
except as they are used for the common good.  
The offerings we receive as a church are not for our private benefit  
or to buy services for ourselves.  
Thus we here dedicate the gifts you have provided  
in our money and our abilities and our time  
to extend a helping hand and joyous welcome  
to every people on the face of the earth.  
May our efforts find favor with you.  
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

Psalm 96:1-9 (Inclusive Bible)

Sing to YHWH a new song;  
**Sing to YHWH, all the earth!**

Sing to YHWH; bless God's name!  
Proclaim God's salvation from day after day;  
**declare God's glory among the nations,  
God's marvels to every people.**

YHWH is great, most worthy of praise,  
YHWH is to be revered above all gods.  
**The gods of the nations are nothing,  
they don't exist—but YHWH created the universe.**

In God's presence are splendor and majesty,  
In God's sanctuary power and beauty.  
**Pay tribute to YHWH, you tribes of the people;  
Pay tribute to the God of glory and power.**

Pay tribute to the glorious name of YHWH;  
bring out the offering, and carry it into God's courts.  
**Worship YHWH, majestic in holiness;  
tremble in God's presence, all the earth!**

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.  
**With God's help we are listening.**

## Gospel

Matthew 18:22:15-22 (Inclusive Bible)

Then the Pharisees went off and began to plot how they might trap Jesus by his speech. They sent their disciples to Jesus, accompanied by sympathizers of Herod, who said, “Teacher, we know you’re honest, and teach God’s way sincerely. You court no one’s favor and don’t act out of respect for important people. Give us your opinion, then, in this case. Is it lawful to pay tax to the Roman emperor or not?”

Jesus, recognized their bad faith and said to them, “Why are you trying to trick me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin which is used to pay the tax.” When they handed Jesus a small Roman coin. Jesus asked them, “Whose head is this and whose inscription?” “Caesar’s” they replied. At that, Jesus said to them, “Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, but give to God what is God’s.” When they heard this, they were astonished, and went away.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams  
“To Caesar or To God”



\* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES, 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





1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears  
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

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MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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LAUDA ANIMA

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\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

We have gathered in community to worship God.

Now our service of praise continues in the world.

**We have been equipped with the gospel message.**

**God empowers our outreach wherever we go.**

God has forgiven and blessed us in this gathering.

Now we scatter to forgive and bless others.

**Here, the Holy Spirit has deepened our convictions.**

**Now God calls to let our faith be known in other places.**

We serve a true and living God, everywhere present.

We are blessed to be God's own people.

**We will spend ourselves this week for God's children.**

**Then we will return to strengthen one another.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

*A Thousand Tongues*

William A. McNair

*"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:**

Shirley Daly, JoAnn Hood, Louis Handler, Jenni Plants,  
Ken Guidas, Faith Battan, Barney Taxel,  
Isaac, Ameila, Mark Merritt, Angela Hendricks, Karen Cogar,  
the family of Mike Kelley, the family of Margaret Bell,  
the Baron family, and the Reid family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Gail Reid,  
may her 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.*

# The 2024 Old Stone Church Stewardship Campaign



## Coming Home Giving Back

“Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you.”  
So, he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.  
Luke 8:39 (NRSVUE)

This year we want to stress that the core of stewardship is **LOVE**.  
Stewardship is a spiritual practice throughout the year-  
how we shepherd our whole lives –  
through word and habit with God and each other –  
to be expressions of God’s **Love** in the world.



On Sunday, November 5th, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. During the service the Necrology will be read. If you would like to have a departed loved one remembered that day, please send an email to [Anthony@oldstonechurch.org](mailto:Anthony@oldstonechurch.org) by Wednesday, November 1st, so the names may be included in the service on All Saints Sunday.



### @ Old Stone Church

Sunday October 22, 2023

11:15AM Christian Spirituality/Chapel

Tuesday October 24, 2023

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

Wednesday October 25, 2023

6:30PM Fall Book Study/ZOOM

Saturday October 28, 2023

11:30AM Memorial Service Robert M. Ward/Sanctuary

Sunday October 29, 2023

11:15AM Christian Spirituality/Chapel

12:30PM Welcoming & Fellowship Event/ Memorial Hall

Wednesday November 1, 2023

6:30PM Fall Book Study/ZOOM

Saturday November 4 2023

10:30AM Memorial Service Gail M. Reid/Sanctuary

### Last Sunday Attendance

In-Person:57 Online:205

There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

Online Giving: <a href="http://oldstonechurch.org/giving/">oldstonechurch.org/giving/</a>	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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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

**Minister of Music:** David L. Dettloff

### The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Margaret Raupp, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

### Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

#### Class of 2023

Beth Buchanan  
Robert Hubert Jr.  
Judy Macuga  
Harriet Niles  
Lee Ann Rader  
Marty Vassel  
John Young

#### Class of 2024

Michelle Baron  
Janie Chambers  
Fred Heider  
Bernard Medie  
Bob Reid

#### Class of 2025

Kara Bane  
Willie Brown  
Dave Finley

### Church Deacons:

#### Class of 2023

Melissa Maffia  
Pete Maffia  
Mary Mikula  
Michael Rolan  
Penni Rolan  
Alyssa Niepokny

#### Class of 2024

Scott Bailey  
Bernie Bischel  
Carol Hoagland  
Amy Wheeler  
John Wheeler

#### Class of 2025

Elie Medie  
Mark Pichler

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