



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY WITH COMMUNION

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

I Will Worship the Lord

Rutter

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, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We delight to draw near to you, gracious God.
We rejoice in the many gifts you have given us.
We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.
We humble ourselves before the God of all the worlds.
We gather to remember God's commandments.
We seek for ourselves the wisdom God imparts.
The wisdom of God is not like any other.
It draws us away from the world's agenda.
God sends us into the world with new priorities.
We are grounded in the Spirit that we might be discerning.
We are filled with the mind of Christ.
We are already citizens of God's realm.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

May our voices rise like trumpets to greet you, holy God.
May our ears be attuned to know your ways.
May our hearts be steady, focused on you.
Praise be to you, O God, whom we worship with awe and delight.
Guide us, we pray, in this time of worship.
Touch us at the points of our deepest need.
Stir us amidst our entrenched complacency.
Make us strong to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thinks of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free.
Then your light will break forth like the dawn
and we will experience your healing care.
Amen.

* HYMN #395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

TEXT: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 18th cent., alt.

LIEBSTER JESU
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Eifert

We have come together, not to be confirmed in our prejudices,
 but to be changed, not to be affirmed for our righteousness,
 but to uncover the immaturity of our faith that we might grow.
 Thus, we confess to God our failure to live by the best we know,
 and our limited response to the vision God sets before us.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O, God, you call out to us, saying, "Here I am," but we do not listen.
You pour out on us spiritual gifts, but we do not discern them.
You call us to build a more just society but we cling to our advantages.
Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change.
Help us so to know and understand Jesus Christ
that we might reflect the God of glory in our daily living.
Create in us a generosity that reflects your own.
Pour out your spirit on this congregation that we might understand
and use it to build and repair and restore.
(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

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived,
God has prepared for all who love God and are open to the Spirit's revelations.
Let the yoke be removed from among us,
the pointing of the finger and evil speech,
that we may be about the work to which God calls us:
feeding the hungry, satisfying the needs of the afflicted,
and building foundations of faith for future generations.
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

How generous are the gifts of God,
poured out on us that we might know the joy of giving!
The psalmist reminds us
that it is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice and give to the poor.
Our offerings proclaim God's will in word and deed.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Lift Up My Eyes

Wichman

I lift up my eyes, I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord who made Heav'n and Earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper; The Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and
forevermore.
Forevermore.

* 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

Mary Eifert

Let us pray:
Righteous God,
accept our gifts of gratitude for the dawning awareness
among us of your healing presence.
You have satisfied our need in parched places and made our bones strong.
Now we wish to offer to the world the amazing wonders we have experienced.
Let our righteousness and generosity exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees.
Fill us with yearning for the Spirit of Christ
that we might become salt and light and be empowered for good works,
to your honor and glory.
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

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (NRSV Updated Version)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Deep River

Hogan

Deep River, My home is over Jordan.
Deep River Lord.
I want to cross over into campground.

Deep River. My home is over Jordan.
Deep River, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground

Oh, don't you want to go, To the Gospel feast.
That promised land, Where all, is peace.

Oh, deep River, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV Updated Version)

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“The Light of the World”

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

THE CALL

**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.**

* INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

We receive the bread and the fruit of the vine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,
to the seeker eager to know God,
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.
There is great joy here.
No one is turned away for God is the host!

* HYMN

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

THE CALL

**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 a guest**

* PRAYER

God is in this place.
And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the nudging God.
We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Remember God made flesh.
Jesus, who taught us a new way.

(Allow silence to speak for a few moments.)

Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,
to taste the feast,
the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and time again you've offered your grace,
even as we have stepped away,
You continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us.
We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.
You are ever-patient, always faithful.

We give thanks for this time of celebration.
For the One this meal remembers.
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,
whose hands touched the bread,
whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you.

This is the mystery of our faith:

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

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.

* HYMN

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

THE CALL

**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.**

* THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:
Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam hamotzi lehem min ha'aretz.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, +
who brings forth bread from the earth.
"This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."

And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it saying:
Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek ha'olam borei p'ri hagafen.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who creates the fruit of the vine.
"This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

* PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, send power upon these gifts, your bread and your cup.
God of all, send your Spirit to this place
so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,
may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
make us one with the saints,
and with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world.
Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.
Help us
To know you,
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 hold onto the elements till all are served,
that we might partake of them together.

* SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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

* COMMUNION ANTHEM

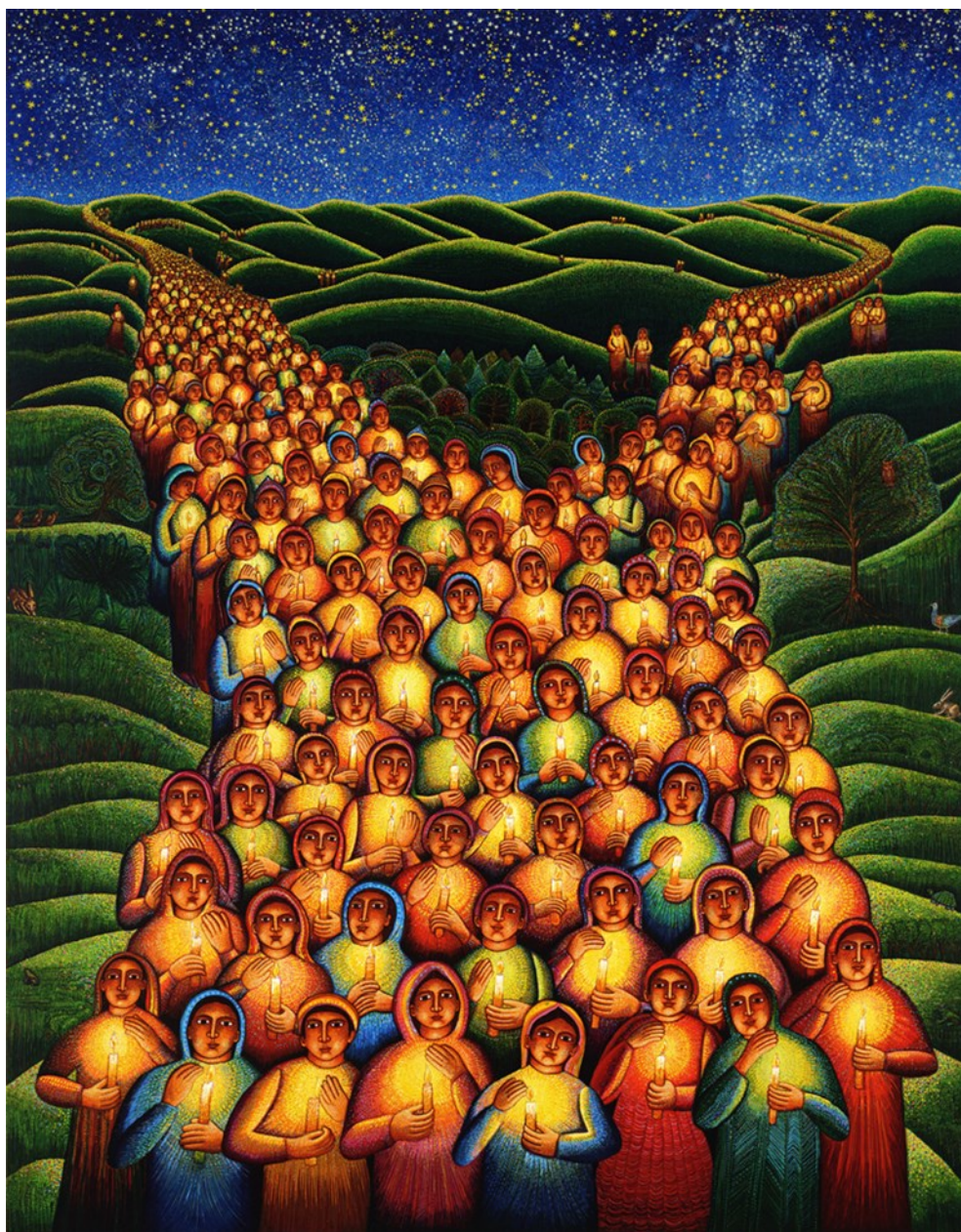
Ubi Caritas

Gjeilo

Ubi caritas amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero, et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Amen


* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Creative, connecting God,
you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ;
From child-like faith, to youthful energy,
from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom.
We thank you for this time, this remembrance.
Amen.





1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

The wisdom of God empowers us to live wisely.

God's generosity prompts us to be generous.

We go forth to share what we have learned.

We reach out to give as we have received.

The Spirit has touched our spirits and changed us.

Our spiritual awareness has been deepened.

How amazing are the gifts of God to us!

We cannot hide the light God entrusts to us.

God will guide us continually.

God will satisfy our thirst with living water.

We cannot hold back our shouts of joy!

We have received the Spirit that is from God.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Minor

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:

Alan Gillespie, Lee Rutti, Bonnie Savage-Farinacci, Kai, Veronica, Bob and Gail Reid,
Rebecca Simmons and her family and the Daugherty family,
James Castrigano and family, the Brownfield family,
JoAnn Hood and family, the Jack Moreland family,
the Nkemere family, Mary and Earl Rolan

and we pray for our country, our city, and our leaders.

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.

Announcing the OSC Spring Cleveland Orchestra Concert



This is the "All Mozart" Concert
When: Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 3:00 PM.
Where: Severance Music Center
11001 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland Ohio 44106
Phone: (216) 231-7300

Ticket price: \$38.00/ticket. ORDERING DEADLINE - APRIL 1, 2023
A minimum attendance of ten individuals is required

Make Check to: The Old Stone Church.
In the memo line indicate: April 23 Concert

Concessions are available

Parking is available at the CWRU Lot 29

You may purchase pre-parking pass by calling: (216) 231-1111

News from Session

The Old Stone Church Annual Meeting Sunday, February 19, 2023
immediately after the worship service in the Sanctuary.

2023 Per Capita

For the year 2023, our per capita apportionment is \$36.50 per member, of which \$23.40 stays in our Presbytery, \$3.25 goes on to the Synod and \$9.85 is given to the General Assembly.

Old Stone is required to pay the per capita to the larger church.

And it is included in the budget as an expense.

But by making a contribution of \$36.50, in addition to your regular giving, you will allow Old Stone to use its budget to fund other programs and missions.

So consider your per capita contribution as an opportunity to participate equally and interdependently in sharing the responsibilities of the larger work of the Presbyterian Church!

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PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church at the spring meeting of presbytery. The amount to be paid this year per communicant member is

\$36.50

Name _____

The Hubbard Press

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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Guest Organist: Jason Lorenzon

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Andrew J. Schoenhofer, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

McKenna Jones, *alto*

Emma Nossem, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Joseph K. Breslau, *bass*

Seth Hobi, *bass*

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2024

Michelle Baron

Beth Buchanan

Robert Hubert Jr.

Judy Macuga

Harriet Niles

Lee Ann Rader

Marty Vassel

John Young

Class of 2025

Kara Bane

Willie Brown

Janie Chambers

Dave Finley

Fred Heider

Bernard Medie

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