



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

La Vie en Rose

Piaf/Piana

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

NEWS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Kim Pride
Habitat For Humanity

INTROIT

Ave Verum Corpus

Elgar

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing a new song to our God.
Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving.
Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!
God is a great ruler, above all other gods.
The depths of the earth are in God's hands.
The highest mountains belong to God.
The farthest reaches of the universe are God's own.
O come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before God our Maker.
We are people of God's pasture.
Today we will listen to God with open hearts.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

We come to you, God, because we are thirsty.
Our spirits need the refreshing water of your word,
just as our bodies need the refreshment of a cool drink.
We worship you with joy,
for we can already feel the gift of your presence all around us.
Now open our ears that we may hear all that you expect of us.
Open our lives to your truth and prepare us
to follow Jesus in accepting the unacceptable,
challenging the conventional,
and joining together in the harvest for your realm.
Amen.

* HYMN #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

Just as the ancestors in the faith
 quarreled and complained and tested God,
 we are tempted to do the same.
 We have hardened our hearts and turned away from the Source of Life.
 Yet God comes to us with reconciling grace.
 Are we ready to return to the relationship God intends with us?
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for personal silent confession.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

What will you do with us, God?
 We are never satisfied with our lot.
 We rebel and complain when things don't go our way.
 Our hearts chase after things that become gods to us
 and consume our time, energy and attention.
 We spend little time in communion with you
 and then begin to doubt your presence.
 You seem far away and unavailable.
 We create barriers among others that separate us
 from one another and from you.
 Send your living water to cleanse us, O God.
 Empower us to worship in spirit and in truth.
(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

Christ died for us,
demonstrating the vastness of God's love for us,
bringing reconciliation and the assurance of salvation.
We are offered a new quality of life in which faithfulness
is valued more highly than security.
Rise up, all who have been drifting through life.
Christ has come to lead us through the shadowed valleys.
Let us respond in spirit and truth.
Thanks be to God.

* 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.
When we stop to consider the amazing riches
God has provided on this planet, how thankful we should be.
Good soil and water give us food in abundance.
Gifts of the Spirit grant life with eternity in it.
Let us express our wonder and gratitude through our offering of tithes and lives.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus

Moses Hogan

Ride on King Jesus. Ride on the conquering King.
Ride on King Jesus, ride on. No man can hinder Thee.
I was but young when I begun. No man can hinder thee.
But now my race is almost done. No man can hinder thee.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No man can hinder Thee.
The River of Jordan he did cross. No man can hinder Thee.
He's the King, Lord of all. No man can hinder Thee.
Jesus is the first and he's the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace. No man can hinder thee.
Oh, ride on King Jesus. Ride on, just ride on Jesus.
Ride on King Jesus ride on. No man can hinder Thee.
Oh, ride on King Jesus.

* 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.**

PSALM 95 (Congregation joins in the response.)

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 95. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with the lyrics: "If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts." The middle staff is a guitar accompaniment in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a capo 2 frets. The chords are: (D) E, (A/D) B/E, (G/D) A/E, (D) E, (G) A, (Em7) F#m7, (Em/A) F#m/B, (G/D) A/E, and (D) E. The bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

Gospel

John 4:5-42 (The Inclusive Bible)

Jesus stopped at Sychar, a town in Samaria, near the tract of land Jacob had given to his son Joseph, and Jacob's Well was there. Jesus, weary from the journey, came and sat by the well. It was around noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." The disciples had gone to the town to buy provisions. The Samaritan woman replied, "You're a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" – since Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans. Jesus answered, "If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him for a drink instead, and he would have given you living water."

"If you please," she challenges Jesus, "you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where do you expect to get this 'living water'? Surely you don't pretend to be greater than our ancestors Leah and Rachel and Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with their descendants and flocks?" Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give them will never be thirsty; no, the water I give will become fountains within them, springing up to provide eternal life." The woman said to Jesus, "Give me this water, so that I won't grow thirsty and have to keep coming all the way here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband and then come back here.” “I have no husband,” replied the woman. “You’re right— you don’t have a husband!” Jesus exclaimed. “The fact is, you’ve had five, and the man you’re living with now is not your husband. So what you’ve said is quite true.” “I can see that you’re a prophet,” answered the woman. “Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you people claim that Jerusalem is the place where God ought to be worshiped.” Jesus told her, “Believe me, the hour is coming when you’ll worship Abba God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we do understand—after all, salvation is from the Jewish people. Yet the hour is coming—and is already here—when real worshipers will worship Abba God in Spirit and truth. Indeed, it is just such worshipers that God seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Jesus, “I know that Messiah—the Anointed One— is coming and will tell us everything”. Jesus replied, “I who speak to you am the Messiah.”

The disciples, returning at this point, were shocked to find Jesus having a private conversation with a woman. But no one dared to ask, “What do you want of him?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” The woman then left her water jar and went off into the town. She said to the people, “Come and see someone who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Messiah?” At that, everyone set out from the town to meet Jesus.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.” But Jesus told them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” At this, the disciples said to one another, “Do you think someone has brought him something to eat?” Jesus explained to them, “Doing the will of the One who sent me and bringing this work to complete is my food. Don’t you have a saying, ‘Four months more, and it will be the harvest time’? I tell you, open your eyes, and look at the fields— they’re ripe and ready for harvest! Reapers are already collecting their wages; they’re gathering fruit for eternal life, and sower and reaper will rejoice together. So the saying is true: ‘One person sows; another reaps.’ I have sent you to reap what you haven’t worked for. Others have done the work, and you’ve come upon the fruit of their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of the strength of the woman’s testimony— that “he told me everything I ever did.” The result was that, when these Samaritans came to Jesus, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So Jesus stayed there two days, and through his own spoken word many more came to faith. They told the woman, “No longer does our faith depend on your story. We’ve heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the savior of the world.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Accepting the Unacceptable.”

* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* 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 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

The peace of God goes with us and dwells with us.

By God's grace, we share in the hope of glory.

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Through this love, we are reconciled to God.

Go, therefore, to tell your friends and neighbors.

God has done great things for us.

God is to be worshiped in spirit and in truth.

Every moment of every day is a time for praise.

We scatter, singing songs of thanksgiving.

We will make a joyful noise, in praise to God.

We will listen for messages God sends.

God is among us and goes with us every day.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Gibbons

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Danza de la moza donosa

Ginastera

*“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:

Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Becky Carpenter, Marilyn Graham,
Lee Rutti, Bonnie Savage-Farinacci, Greg, Bob and Gail Reid,
Jackie Cole and family, the Griebel family,

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of James E. Barnes,
may his memory be a blessing.

Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.



Lent @ The Old Stone Church

A Lenten Daily Devotional based on the Psalms is available today near the Chapel and Public Square Doors.

The Welcoming and Fellowship Committee have wooden crosses to decorate in preparation for Easter at a table near the Chapel doors.

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



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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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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*

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