



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

APRIL 16, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Old Rugged Cross* George Bennard

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT *O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord* Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name  
From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart: He makes His mercies known.  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come again to celebrate the resurrection.  
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

**Death has no power over us.**

**Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.**

Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

**Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.**

**God shows us the path of life.**

Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.

Come to receive life in Christ's name.

**We rejoice in God's amazing good news.**

**In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Your Easter people gather to praise you, amazing God.

Continue to make your ways known to us.

Fill us with your presence.

We cannot live apart from you.

Your counsel and instruction are with us day and night.

We have only to open ourselves to your direction.

Inspire in us fullness of joy, we pray,

as we respond in faith to the risen Christ

and embrace the tasks you set before us.

Build up our sense of community that we may truly care

for one another through all life's trials.

Amen.

\* HYMN #231

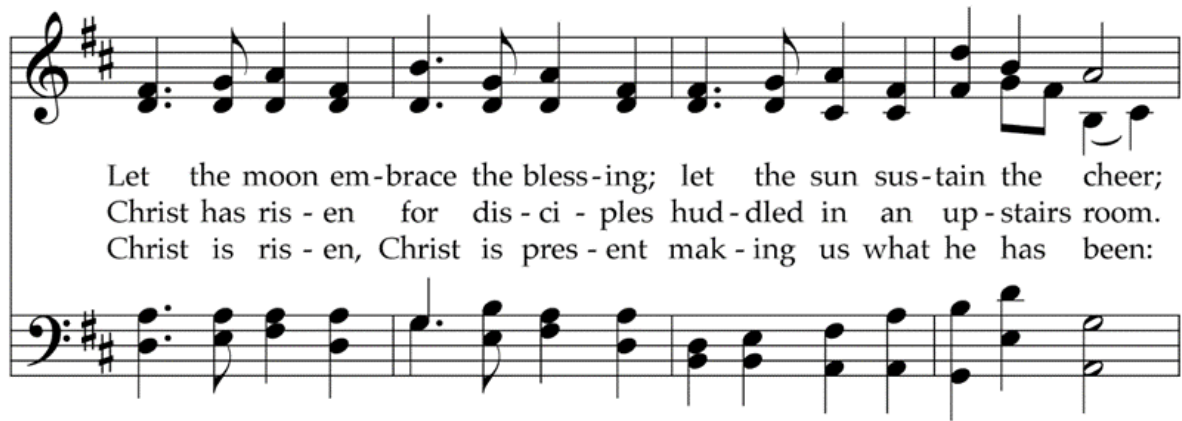
Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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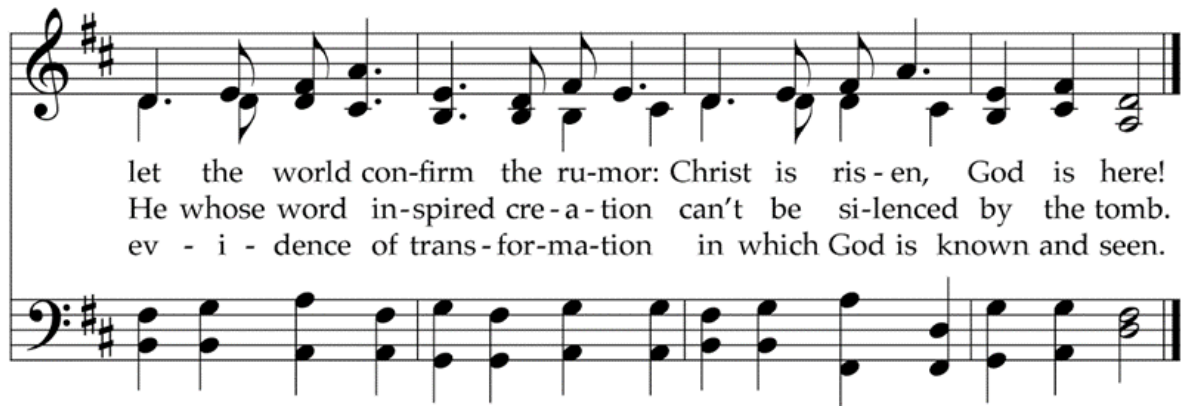
The image displays a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines.

1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,  
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;  
3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change

as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.  
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.  
all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;  
 Christ has ris-en for dis-ci-ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room.  
 Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!  
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.  
 ev-i-dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

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 MUSIC: Welsh melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011  
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## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Brad Oglesby

How quickly we forget that we are Easter people,  
 raised up out of the ways of death into fullness of life.  
 The power of death leaves us shaken and afraid,  
 but God in Christ calls us out of our fear to experience a presence  
 that embraces us with eternal hope.  
 We confess now all that keeps us from accepting the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,  
 followed by time for personal silent confession.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, God,  
for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand.  
Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making.  
We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves  
to your larger reality.  
We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated.  
Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices,  
and our doubts plunge us into despair.  
Be to us a refuge,  
granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us  
until they lead to deeper understanding.  
*(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

God never abandons us,  
no matter how far we stray.  
We have a goodly heritage which is ours to claim.  
God shows us the path of life and offers us fullness of joy.  
Let our hearts be glad and our tongues rejoice.  
The Living Christ is in our midst.  
We are granted new birth into a living hope.  
**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.

The boundary lines have fallen for us in pleasant places.

We are blessed beyond all deserving.

How marvelous is the opportunity placed before us  
to share what we have received.

Let us express our thanks to God for all that is more precious than gold,  
as we pass on God's gifts to us.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit*

William Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan River is chilly and cold, it chills my body but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train upon the track, it runs to heaven and right back.

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

### \* 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

Brad Oglesby

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We rejoice in the inheritance you have given us, O God,  
and delight in sharing it with others.**

**You have given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

**You have touched our lives with eternity,  
with indestructible and glorious joy.**

**We want others to experience what we have begun to realize  
in company with one another and with you.**

**To that end, bless all the offerings of this day.  
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

Psalm 16 (*Congregation joins in the response.*)

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

G D/F# Em Bm/D Cmaj7 D G

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a single melodic line in G major, 2/2 time, with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in G major, 2/2 time, with chords indicated above the notes. The chords are G, D/F#, Em, Bm/D, Cmaj7, D, and G. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word 'life'.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the Lord, "My Lord are you."  
O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

I bless the Lord who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence;  
Because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence.  
The delights at you right hand forever.



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

\* 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.

\* 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



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with  
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -  
 3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how  
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and

heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has  
 mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be  
 they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -  
 look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -

lost its sting!  
 with you here."  
 ci - ples' word.  
 liev - ing be."

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Fine*

5 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,  
 and yet whose faith has constant been,  
 for they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

These stanzas from a 19th-century translation of a longer 15th-century Latin text are the continuation of hymn no. 235 and are based on the traditional gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter. They are sung to a 15th-century French tune adapted for church use.

**\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

Jesus says to us again: Peace be with you.

As God has sent me, so I send you.

**We receive God's peace into our lives.**

**We will go where Christ sends us.**

Feel the wind, the breath of God.

Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**We are empowered as disciples and apostles.**

**We will learn and serve in Jesus' name.**

Blessed are all you trust and obey.

God will give you counsel and instruction.

**Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**

**We are learning the way of life God intends.**

**\* CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God Be With You*

Kendal Gunlicks

God be with you till we meet again. By His counsels guide uphold you.

With his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.

**\* POSTLUDE**

*Piano Solo*

Gabriel Silva

*"My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."  
Psalm 73:26*

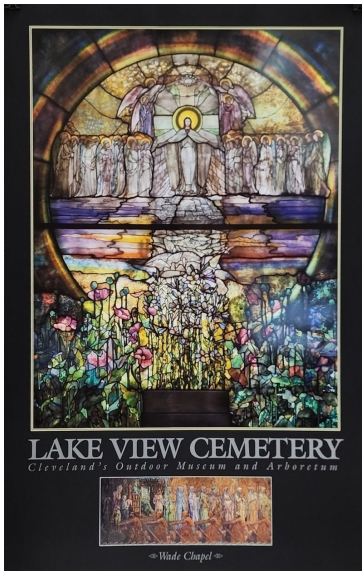


**We continue to keep in our prayers:**

Alma Bako, Zach Beaver, Holly Hubert, Jesse Park, Maliek,  
Tammie Buchanan, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell,  
the Griebel Family, Kim Williams and Family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Phyllis Murphy,  
may her memory be a blessing.

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



## Join OSC for a tour of Lake View Cemetery

Largely regarded as a crown jewel of Cleveland,  
 join Old Stone Church for a walking tour of  
 Lake View Cemetery  
 on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM  
 The tour will last between 1.5 and 2 hours and is being  
 presented to OSC members as part of the  
 Welcoming & Fellowship committee.  
 For more information and to reserve your spot,  
 please email Lee Ann Rader at  
[rader.leeann@yahoo.com](mailto:rader.leeann@yahoo.com)

## April 16—30, 2023

Tue Apr 18 Holocaust Remembrance Day  
 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting  
 Wed Apr 19 5:00pm - 6:00pm Personnel Committee/ZOOM  
 Thu Apr 20 7:00pm - 9:00pm FPS Director's Meeting  
 Sat Apr 22 Earth Day  
 Sun Apr 23 8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00am - 11:00am Worship  
 1:00pm - 4:00pm Guardians/Marlins  
 Tue Apr 25 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting  
 6:30pm - 8:30pm Session/ZOOM  
 Fri Apr 28 4:00pm - 5:00pm De Leon/Bray Rehearsal  
 Sat Apr 29 2:00pm - 4:00pm Emny DeLeon/Allen Bray Wedding 3PM  
 Sun Apr 30 8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00am - 11:00am Worship

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**Guest Pianist:** Gabriel Silva

### 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 2023

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Harriet Niles  
Lee Ann Rader  
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Fred Heider  
Bernard Medie  
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Willie Brown  
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Penni Rolan  
Alyssa Niepokny

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