



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

APRIL 23, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

Be Joyful In The Lord

Kendal Gunlicks

Be joyful in the Lord all ye lands and serve the Lord with gladness.
Be joyful in the Lord all ye lands. Come before his presence with a song!

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has called us together for this time of worship.
God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

God inclines an ear to us and hears us.

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Let us open our hearts to the one who gives us life.

Let us set our faith and hope in God.

In one another's presence, we renew our vows.

Together we offer our thanksgiving sacrifice.

God's promises to us are ancient and ever new.

God is with us here and on all the roads we travel.

Together we lift our voices in songs of praise.

Together we recognize we are precious in God's sight.

*** INVOCATION PRAYER**

Wondrous God,

present with us when we do not know it,

valuing us when we do not care for ourselves,

planting in us the seed of your word

even when the soil of our hearts is hard and unyielding,

open our eyes to recognize you here.

May we sense your presence next to us.

May we hear your voice.

May we know your touch.

May we see you in one another and in the beauty all around us.

May your reality emerge deep inside each life,

transforming our thoughts and deeds and our relationship with one another.

Amen.

*** HYMN #667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

LAUDES DOMINI
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Alyssa Niepokny

Peter preached:

“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.

Repent...so your sins may be forgiven.”

We participate in our society’s alienation from God.

We have joined the “me” generation in putting our own interests before all else.

We have much to confess before we can claim the wholeness God offers.

Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,

followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
we confess that we rush through our days
without recognizing your presence with us.
We follow our busy diversions without reference to your will for us.
We strive for financial success and personal recognition,
while you call for obedience to truth and genuine mutual love.
Purify our souls, we pray, and redirect our priorities.
May we be born anew through your living and enduring word.

(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 promise of forgiveness is for us and for our children,
for everyone whom God calls.
The gift of the Holy Spirit is ours to receive.
Lift up the cup of salvation every day, and call on God's name.
Give thanks for the words and deeds of Jesus,
who revealed God's love for us and enlists us as disciples and apostles.

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.
Our offerings are a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the spirit of Jesus,
who gave everything, even life itself, to proclaim God's inclusive love.
God calls all people to become children of the promise,
and to this end we dedicate our gifts.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads his vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six wing'd seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most high!
Amen.

* 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

Alyssa Niepokny

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Thank you, God,
for the privilege of joining with Christ
in the proclamation of your love for all people.
May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences,
building up the body of Christ
and reaching out to the world with healing energy.
Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known.
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 116 (*Congregation joins in the response.*)

The musical score is for a congregational response in 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The lyrics are: "I will walk be - fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing." The accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C, Dm7, C/E, Fmaj7, C/G, G7(4-3), and C. The piece ends with a double bar line.

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice in supplication,
Because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow, And I called upon the name of the Lord, "O Lord, save my life!

Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful.
The Lord keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

For he freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the
Lord in the land of the living.



Now on that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Recognized in the Breaking of the Bread"

* 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

A D G A

1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and

D A Bm7 D/F# Em

feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery

F# B Em Em7 A

street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -

D G F#m D G A D

speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This perceptive hymn centers on Christ's post-Resurrection appearances described in John 20:19–29 and Luke 24:13–48. The first three stanzas are shaped by the wounded body parts: feet, side, hand; the fourth prays for such woundedness in the witness of Christ's body, the Church.

*** BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

We have been called away from a corrupt generation.

We have been ransomed from our futile ways.

Life's meaning is not to be found in silver or gold.

We have found new life in trusting God.

We have been born anew through God's enduring word.

We embrace a living faith and hope.

We purify our souls through obedience to truth.

We love one another deeply from the heart.

Christ is alive in our midst.

Christ goes with us along all life's roads.

We go to serve in Christ's name.

May the love of Christ find expression in us.

*** 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

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

Psalms 73:26

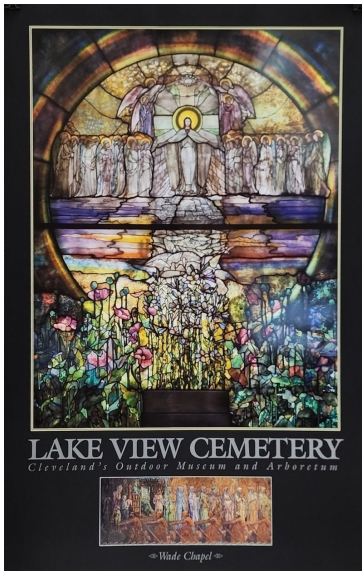


We continue to keep in our prayers:

Alma Bako, Zach Beaver, Holly Hubert, Jesse Park, Maliek, Keith Miyoshi,
Joseph Hauman, Tammie Buchanan, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell,
the Richter Family, the Griebel Family, Kim Williams and Family,
Sue and Tom Allen as he recovers from surgery.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marcella Richter,
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 20th 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



DAVID C. DAUGHERTY

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

230 E Jefferson St, Butler, PA 16001

Saturday May 6, 2023 @ 11:00 AM

We are looking to carpool to Butler, PA and
 would leave around 8:00 AM.

If you would like to join us please RSVP to
anthony@oldstonechurch.org or call the office
 216-241-6145 by April 30, 2023.

April 23-30, 2023

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 Jr. Wedding 3PM
 Sun Apr 30 8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
 10:00am - 11:00am Worship

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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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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

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Lee Ann Rader

Marty Vassel

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