



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

APRIL 30, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness* William M. Runyan

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kim Pride, Habitat for Humanity

INTROIT *You Are The Light* Tom Fettke

You are the Light we see. You are the Truth we know.
You are the Life we live. You are the Hope,
You are the Joy, You are the Song we sing.

Living God Loving God we glorify your name
High and Holy One come down We lift our hearts in praise
Prince of Peace, Emmanuel Jesus Lord of love

Within our hearts Your light. Within our minds Your truth.
Within our lives Your love. Living Your hope,
Spreading Your joy, Singing Your beautiful song. Your song.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

How awesome to gather before God!
We are here to celebrate with wide-eyed wonder.

The God of all worlds is with us.

Praise God for this season of Easter.

Praise God for all the signs of new life.

Praise God for all we can do together.

Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus.

Praise God for all who share that ministry today.

Christ came to offer us abundant life.

We are here today to reclaim that gift.

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

We want to follow in the steps of Jesus.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us hear your voice today, O Shepherd.

Call our names and claim us as your own.

Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls.

Comfort those who suffer pain and loss.

Assure all who are afraid. Lead us in right paths for your name's sake.

We have known your goodness and mercy in so many times and places.

We open ourselves now to receive these gifts again.

Unlock within us the barriers

that keep us from recognizing and appreciating all the evidence
of your love that surrounds us.

Amen.

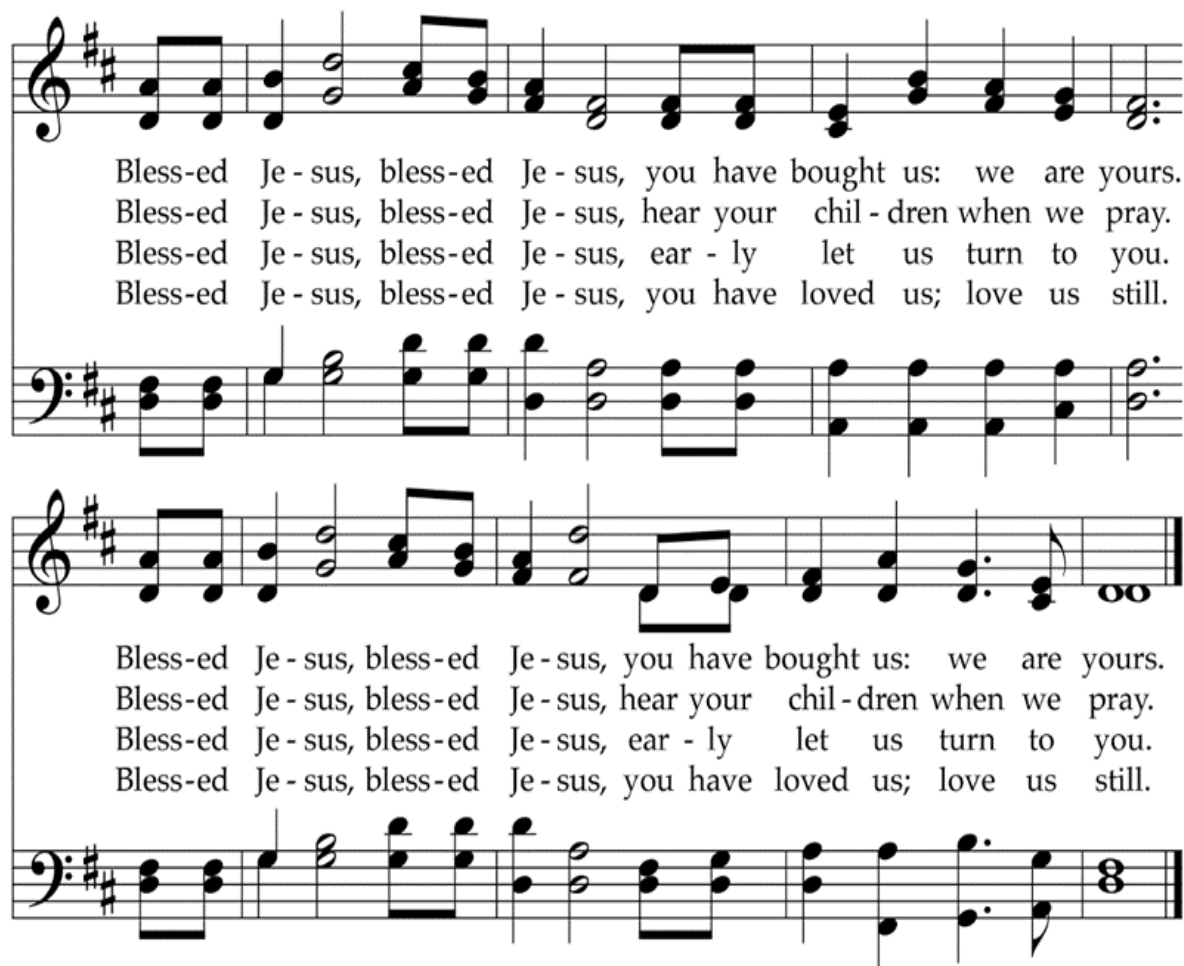
* HYMN #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

TEXT: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836, alt.
 MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

BRADBURY
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Sunny Kunché

The Scriptures compare us to sheep who have gone astray.
 As sheep seem not to see beyond the next tuft of grass,
 we seem to be attracted to the immediate temptation.
 We become ravenous consumers
 rather than good stewards of God's abundance.
 Christ calls us to respond to the Shepherd's voice.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for personal silent confession.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us.
Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired
and all the things we want.
We are reluctant to share too much,
lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish.
We do not want to suffer for our faith.
There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus.
O God, help us trust you beyond these limits.
(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 provides for us as a good shepherd provides for a flock of sheep,
seeking green pastures and still waters for us
even in periods of famine and drought.
In fearful times, amid loss,
the Shepherd's care is always available.
Surely God's goodness and mercy will restore all
who give up their own pretensions in order to live in community,
with glad and generous hearts.
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 cups overflow with the abundance of God's mercy.
There is more than enough for all when we who break bread together
are willing to share ourselves and our possessions.
We offer Christ's healing example to a world shattered by selfishness,
strangers to God and one another.

[OFFERING](#)

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, Save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought In the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping,
Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, Be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, And I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, And I with thee one.
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;

Great heart of my heart, what ever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

* 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 *(Please be seated.)*

Sunny Kunche

Let us join our voices in prayer:

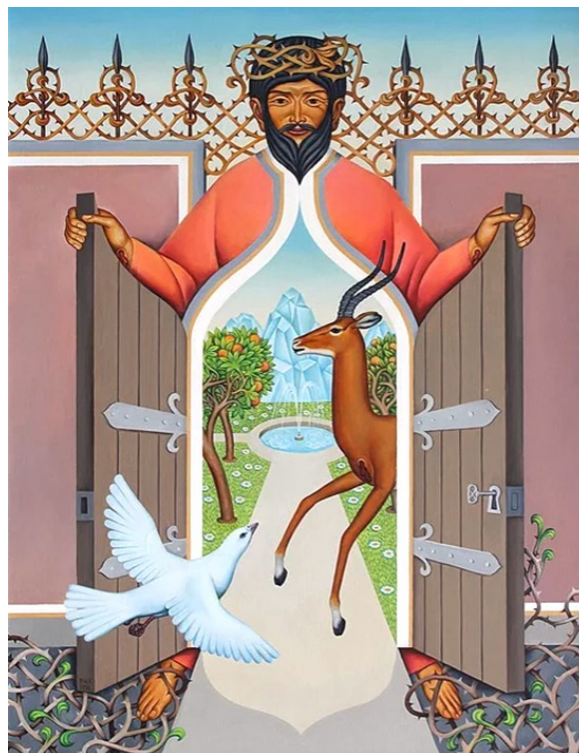
Thank you, God, for the abundant life we enjoy,
not in the things we possess but in the relationships you offer
and the opportunities for sharing that you provide.
May all that we here dedicate to you
be distributed in ways that meet human need and offer praise to you.
Extend our outreach beyond our vision,
that we may live in awe and wonder before you,
marveling before your goodness and mercy.
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

Responsorial Psalm 23

Shepherd Me, O God
(Congregation joins in the refrain.)

Marty Haugen



God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Gospel

John 10:1-10 (First Nations Version)

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) told this story to the Separated Ones (Pharisees), for they were blind guides, leading the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel) down a false path to a bad end.

“I speak from my heart,” Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said to the blind tribal leaders.

“Thieves and outlaws do not use the gate to the sheep pen but sneak in some other way. But the shepherd uses the gate to enter, and the gatekeeper opens the way. The sheep know their shepherd’s voice, for he calls each one of them by name, and they follow him as he leads them in and out of the sheep pen.

“The sheep will not follow the voice of a stranger. They will run away, for they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”

Because he was using a story to teach them, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) could see that they did not understand, so he told them the meaning of the story.

“I speak again from my heart,” he said. “I am the gate for the sheep. All who put themselves before me are thieves and outlaws—false shepherds. My sheep do not listen to them.”

“I am the gate for the sheep. The ones who enter by me will be safe and well cared for. Following the Shepherd, they will go in and out and find good food to eat.

“Thieves enter only to take away life, to steal what is not theirs, and to bring to ruin all they cannot have. I have come to give the good life, a life that overflows with beauty and harmony.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
“Shepherd Me, O 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 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

You have been claimed by God, our Good Shepherd.

Know God, not as stranger, but as friend.

God is our shepherd; we shall not want.

God leads us daily and restores our souls.

Easter continues, for Christ lives in us.

Jesus came that we might have abundant life.

Daily we receive God's goodness and mercy.

Our cups overflow with God's generosity.

Let us devote ourselves to the apostle's teaching.

Let us pray and break bread together.

We find our lives in giving them to others.

In Christ, we discover the joy of service.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Guide My Feet

Arr. Avis D. Graves

Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race. 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Lord, guide my feet, direct my path, and keep my way. Can't make a step without you.

I don't want to run this race in vain.

POSTLUDE

He Leadeth Me

Joseph Gilmore

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

Psalm 73:26



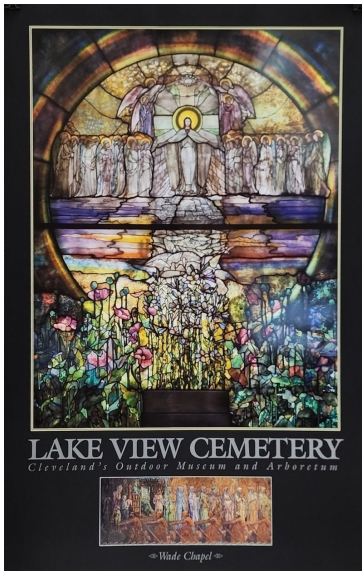
We continue to keep in our prayers:

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Macuga,
may his memory be a blessing.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Joseph Pichler
may his 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

National Mental Health Awareness Month

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month and the
Mission and Urban Wellness Committee
is planning on having a Minute for Mission each Sunday in May
to recognize The Old Stone Church's support of mental health issues.



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.

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 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

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Judy Macuga

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Lee Ann Rader

Marty Vassel

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Pete Maffia

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Michael Rolan

Penni Rolan

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Amy Wheeler

John Wheeler

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Elie Medie

Mark Pichler

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