WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE  
*Romance Op. 118*  
Brahms

WELCOME  
Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
Pamela Hardy  
OSC Mental Health Library

INTROIT  
*Lead Me Lord*  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

* Those who are able are requested to stand  
Please silence all electronic devices.
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to God; sing praises to God’s name.
Let all the nations bow down to worship God.

**God is ruler over all creation.**

**God reigns over earth and the farthest heavens.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all.
Listen to hear God’s mighty voice.

**This sanctuary is filled with God’s presence.**

**Here we receive power and strength from God.**

Here we pray together for God’s guidance.
The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness.

**God draws us together as one people.**

We can experience eternity in the midst of time.

**INVOCATION PRAYER**

We worship you with joy, awesome God.
Through times of trial and suffering your love has sustained us.
You have restored our self-confidence
when we floundered in doubt and fear.
You have been our protector through the wilderness.
Meet us now in the particular situations each of us face.
Pour out your presence that we may be resources to one another,
finding our oneness and our prime vocation in Jesus Christ.
May our worship honor you and equip us to serve you.
Amen.

**HYMN #734**

*Hope of the World*

**DONNE SECOURS**

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion:
   Dm Am Dm Gm A Dm
2. Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
3. Hope of the world, a foot on dusty highways,
4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death victorious,

Dm Am E Am

speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:
showing to wandering souls the path of light:
from death and deep despair, from sin and guilt:
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:

Hearing loop installed. Switch hearing aid to T-coil
We who have promised our loyalty to Jesus Christ
pause now to examine our faithfulness to the way he showed us.
We who have been gifted with the Holy Spirit within and among us
ask ourselves whether others can see that gift in us.
Is God reigning among us, or have we chosen to pursue other gods,
chosen to devote our time and energy and attention to lesser matters?
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate your presence with us. We even forget to say thank-you when, by the power and strength you give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing your rule of love on earth, as in heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, in Jesus’ name.

(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

Let the righteous be joyful! The God of all grace cares about you and wants the very best for you, in company with all God’s children. God restores, supports and strengthens you. God establishes you as a person of worth and as a community of faithful loving people. Individually and together, we are called to eternal glory in Christ, whose love we share.

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, 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.
As Christians, we are often called to stand against the practices being followed by our government or in our workplace. We are challenged to live by a standard that insists on justice and fairness; no one is to be exploited for our gain. We support our church as a beacon of hope for all people. We give ourselves and our offering that God’s will might be realized among us.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Will Be a Child of Peace
Arr. Elaine Hagenberg

O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity for well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

* 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

Pamela Hardy

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Thank you, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needy through us. What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in you because we join you in caring for them. You give homes to the desolate when we share. Your power is working in us.

Blessed by your name, O God! 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 68 (Congregation joins in the response.)

The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the Lord.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; Your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.
Gospel

John 17:1-11 (NRSVUE)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Abba God, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Abba God, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Abba God, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“To Be in the World”

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
* 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.

* 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
We All Are One in Mission

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1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
   our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

2 We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.
   Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
   our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

3 Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
   Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word.
   A single, great commission compels us from above
   to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace.

   We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
   to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.
   so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

   our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop’s letter that said, “Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ’s love.” This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

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BENEDICTION AND BLESSING
The reign of God is being restored among us.
The Holy Spirit is coming to empower us.
   We are together in awe before God.
   Now we carry our worship into our work.
God cares for us and supports us day by day.
In all we do and say, God is present.
   We see God’s power in the skies.
   We realize the power of God’s love within.
Go now to share that love to strengthen others.
Trust God and be alert to life’s possibilities.
   God dwells among us and unites us in Christ.
   In this faith is our deepest joy.
   Amen.

* CHORAL RESPONSE   All My Trials   Arr. Norman Luboff
If religion was a thing that money could buy, The rich would live and the poor would die.
   All my trials, Lord, soon be over. Too late, my brothers, too late, but never mind.
   All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
   Now, hush, little baby, don’t you cry, You know that man is born to die.
   All my trials, Lord, soon be over. Too late, my brothers, too late, but never mind.
   All my trials, Lord, soon be over. All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

POSTLUDE   Ave Verum Corpus   Mozart/Liszt
“My flesh and my heart may fail,
 but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”
Psalm 73:26

In Our Prayers

We continue to keep in our prayers:
Mary Lou Eisaman, Harry Hatters, Mardia Long, John Gibbons, Eric Zaslov, Lindsay Fritz and baby Evie, Michelle Baron, Chris Bryan, Joe Geraci, Zach Beaver, Holly Hubert, Jesse Park, Thomas Kilbane, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell, Pam Woody, JoAnn Hood and family, Cindy Case and family, the Miskovic family
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.
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 address The Old Stone Church’s support of mental health issues. The Mission and Urban Wellness Committee has supported NAMI’s Walk for Awareness at the Platinum level.

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Old Stone Church is pleased to announce that Cleveland’s 58th Mayor, The Honorable Justin M. Bibb will address the congregation during worship service on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

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EDWINS Founder and James Beard Award Finalist Brandon Chrostowski revives Celebrity Chef at Old Stone Church on Sunday, June 11, 2023 @ 4PM

Seating is limited to 100. To reserve your seat at Celebrity Chef, please RSVP to our Administrative Secretary, Tamika Murkins at tamika@oldstonechurch.org by Monday, June 5th. $20 can be paid via check with "Celebrity Chef" in the memo line or via OSC’s PayPal page with "Celebrity Chef" in the notes field upon checkout.

Scholarships for this event are available upon request.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and we expect great attendance. Please RSVP soon if you plan on attending.

Last Sunday Attendance
In-Person: 70
Online: 187

May 21-May 30
Sun May 21 Cleveland Marathon
    8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
    10:00am - 11:00am Worship/In Person
Mon May 22 6:30pm - 8:00pm Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM
Tue May 23 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
    6:30pm - 8:30pm Session/ZOOM
Thu May 25 10:00am - 12:00pm Jayne Z. Senior Citizen of the Year Luncheon
Sun May 28 8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
    10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Pentecost
    1:00pm - 4:00pm Guardians/Cardinals
Mon May 29 Memorial Day/ Building and Offices Closed
Tue May 30 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting
There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

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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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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

**Guest Pianist:** Gastón Frydman

**The Old Stone Singers**

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*  Ian Atwood, *tenor*
Cicely Schönberg, *soprano*  Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*
Val Sibila, *soprano*  Andrew J. Schoenhofer, *tenor*
Rayna Brooks, *alto*  R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*
McKenna Jones, *alto*  Joseph K. Breslau, *bass*
Emma Nossem, *alto*  Seth Hobi, *bass*

**Church Elders:**

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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