



**YEAR A**  
**Seventh Sunday in  
Easter**

# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

MAY 21, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10AM Sanctuary Worship

## 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.

\* 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 com - pas - sion:  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;  
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:  
from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:  
who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.  
thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over five hundred others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World."

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MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
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DONNE SECOURS  
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## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Pamela Hardy

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*

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.

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.*)

God, in your good - ness, you have made a home for the poor.

Capo 3: (Am) Cm (G) B $\flat$  (FADD9) A $\flat$ ADD9 (C) E $\flat$  (Dm) Fm (Em $^7$ ) Gm $^7$  (F) A $\flat$  (G $^7$ ) B $\flat$  $^7$  (Am) Cm

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.

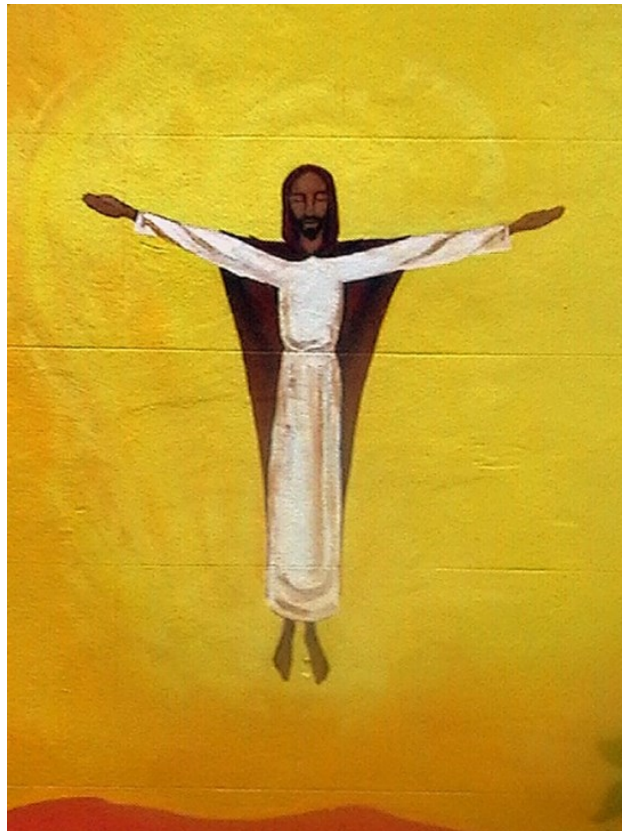
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“To Be in the World”





\* 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



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed 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.

## 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*



**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](mailto: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

Online Giving: <a href="http://oldstonechurch.org/giving/">oldstonechurch.org/giving/</a>	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.

## THE OLD STONE CHURCH

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

**Guest Pianist:** Gastón Frydman

### 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

Beth Buchanan  
Robert Hubert Jr.  
Judy Macuga  
Harriet Niles  
Lee Ann Rader  
Marty Vassel  
John Young

#### Class of 2024

Michelle Baron  
Janie Chambers  
Fred Heider  
Bernard Medie  
Bob Reid

#### Class of 2025

Kara Bane  
Willie Brown  
Dave Finley

### Church Deacons:

#### Class of 2023

Melissa Maffia  
Pete Maffia  
Mary Mikula  
Michael Rolen  
Penni Rolen  
Alyssa Niepokny

#### Class of 2024

Scott Bailey  
Bernie Bischel  
Carol Hoagland  
Amy Wheeler  
John Wheeler

#### Class of 2025

Elie Medie  
Mark Pichler

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