



YEAR A

# Day of Pentecost

# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

MAY 28, 2023

DAY OF PENTECOST

10AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

It Is Well with My Soul

Horatio Spafford

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kara Bane  
NAMI/OSC Partnership

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

The peace of God be with you today.  
Receive with joy the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
**We feel the winds of God blowing among us.**  
**We sense the tongues of fire empowering us.**  
How amazing is the power God gives us.  
How manifold are the works of our creator.  
**The breath of God fills us with confidence.**  
**The Spirit creates new life within and among us.**  
God calls us to be dreamers and prophets.  
God gives us a vision for a world of peace.  
**May the glory of God endure forever.**  
**We will sing praise to God as long as we live.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Powerful God,  
whose ways are beyond our knowing, we long to grow spiritually.  
We are thirsty for the living water you have promised to those who seek.  
We are eager to catch the Spirit,  
to be set on fire with confidence and trust to use the gifts you have given.  
Let Pentecost happen again in this gathering of your people.  
Inspire us to witness to your love, and prophesy in your name.  
Give us courage to speak of your deeds of power,  
and to take the risks of daring discipleship.  
Amen.

\* HYMN #280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's  
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the final lines of the hymn. There are triplets in the vocal line of both systems. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving bass lines.

strong-er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.  
lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to  
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -  
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Kara Bane

We can say the words that come with Pentecost:  
spirit, wind, fire.

We can claim an interest in knowing the God of all creation.

But how much time have we devoted to this quest?

How open are we to God's unpredictable summons and direction?

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,  
we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control.  
We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety.  
We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk.  
We do not want others to consider us strange or fanatical.  
We are skeptical of dreams and visions.  
We cannot trust some people you ask us to love.  
We want to believe,  
but how can we know that you are more than our collective imagination,  
a hope we cling to in our despair?  
Help us, God.

*(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 comes unexpectedly to those willing to wait and listen and trust.  
The Spirit amazes and astonishes even those who wait expectantly.  
There is more to life than the things we can see  
and more in the things we see that our eyes can discern.  
So, too, God is more than we can know or think.  
Even now the Holy Spirit is resting on you and on this family of God's people.  
Do not be afraid.

**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.  
Your gift is needed for the church to be complete.  
Your gift is expressed through your personal investment of time and talents,  
but also through the money you received for using your gifts  
day by day in your work.  
What we invest in the church's work is an expression of our thanks to God  
for all the gifts we have received.

[OFFERING](#)

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.  
 They resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.  
 Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope  
 In this world where'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.  
 Ancient words ever true changing me, changing you. We have come with open hearts.

O let the ancient words impart.  
 Holy words of our faith handed down to this age came to us through sacrifice.  
 O heed the faithful words of Christ. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.  
 They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.  
 Ancient words ever true changing me, changing you. We have come with open hearts.

O let the ancient words impart  
 Martyr's blood stains each page, they have died for this faith.  
 Hear them cry through the years. Heed these words and hold them dear.  
 Ancient words ever true changing me, changing you. We have come with open hearts.  
 O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.

## \* 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

Kara Bane

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Thank you, God,  
 for filling our lives with good things.  
 The abundance of your gifts to us is beyond our counting.  
 Bless all that we return to you  
 for the work of ministry among us and beyond us.  
 Let your Spirit enliven our caring and add effectiveness to all our doing.  
 Make us one in Christ Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray.  
 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

Gospel

John 7:37-39 (NRSVUE)

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now Jesus said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104 (*Congregation joins in the response.*)

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." The piano accompaniment includes chord markings: D, C/D, Bm/D, D/A, G, and DADD9.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to 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 THE 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



\* HYMN #290

O Day of Joy and Wonder!

Capo 3: (D) (G) (Em7) (A)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C



1 O day of joy and won - der! Christ's prom - ise  
 2 The world, in sheer a - maze - ment, the truth must  
 3 We too may know your pow - er; your cour - age

(A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (Em7)  
 C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7



now ful - filled: the com - ing of the Spir - it that  
 now de - clare: that those who once were cow - ards are  
 makes us strong. Your love, your joy, your pa - tience can

(A) (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A7)  
 C Gm C F B<sup>b</sup> C7



ho - ly love has willed. Our Lord in hu - man  
 brave be - yond com - pare; and tongues, which could not  
 all to us be - long. Come now and dwell with -

(D) (Em7) (D) (Em7) (A) (D)  
 F Gm7 F Gm7 C F



bod - y to mor - tal eye is lost, yet comes in  
 ut - ter their faith in Je - sus' name, de - fy all  
 in us, O Com - fort - er di - vine. Come to our

(G) (Em7) (A) (Em) (A) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C Gm C F



flame up - on us at bless - ed Pen - te - cost.  
 per - se - cu - tion God's glo - ry to pro - claim!  
 hearts, and keep them; there let your bright - ness shine.

In a pattern common to many hymns, the first two stanzas here declare how the coming of the Holy Spirit gave strength and courage to the early church, and the final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for a sense of the presence of the Spirit, addressed as "Comforter divine."

\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

May God's glory endure forever.

May God take pleasure in works done through us.

**We have found renewal in our time together.**

**Now God sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.**

May the empowerment of Pentecost continue with us.

May the spirit lead and guide us every day.

**We have acknowledged our many gifts.**

**Now we seek to use them for the common good.**

We are one body with many members.

When we work together, much good is accomplished.

**We commit ourselves as people of vision and action.**

**The peace of God equips us to serve.**

\* 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.

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

Fanny Crosby

*"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

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: 44

Online: 264

**May 29-June 7, 2023**

Mon May 29 Memorial Day/ Building and Offices Closed

Tue May 30 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting

Fri Jun 2 National Gun Violence Awareness Day

4:30pm - 5:30pm Schurman/Vaglia Rehearsal

Sat Jun 3 Pride in the CLE

12:00pm - 2:00pm Leslie Schurman/Nicholas Vaglia 1PM Wedding

Sun Jun 4 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Communion

11:15am - 12:15pm MUW hybrid meeting

11:30am - 12:30pm Plant Exchange/Memorial Hall

Tue Jun 6 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting

Wed Jun 7 6:00pm - 7:00pm Welcoming & Fellowship/ZOOM

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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.

## THE OLD STONE CHURCH

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Senior Pastor: Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

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

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 Rolan  
Penni Rolan  
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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