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 Spirit, dwell among us; come with
2 We would raise our alleluias for the
3 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
grace of yester-years; for tomorrow’s
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble
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.
Ancient Words

Lynn DeShazo

Ancient 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

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,
able 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.)

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.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE                          Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“The Empowerment of Pentecost”
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
O Day of Joy and Wonder!

Capo 3: (D) (G) (Em7) (A)

1 O day of joy and wonder! Christ's promise now fulfilled: the coming of the Spirit that
2 The world, in sheer amazement, the truth must now declare: that those who once were cowards are
3 We too may know your power; your courage makes us strong. Your love, your joy, your patience can

(A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (Em7)

holy love has willed. Our Lord in human
brave beyond compare; and tongues, which could not all to us belong. Come now and dwell with

(A) (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A7)

bodily to mortal eye is lost, yet comes in utter their faith in Jesus' name, defy all in us, O Comforter divine. Come to our

(C) (Gm) C F Bb C7

flame upon us at blessed Pentecost. persecution God's glory to proclaim! hearts, and keep them; there let your brightness shine.

(G) (Em7) (A) (Em) (A) (D)

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."

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JONATHAN'S TUNE
7.6.7.6.D
* 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 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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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  Ian Atwood, tenor
Cicely Schonberg, 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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