The Old Stone Church
MAY 7, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WITH COMMUNION
10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
Helen H. Lemmel

WELCOME
Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Dr. Rosemary Robbins  
(Family-to-Family NAMI)

INTROIT  
*Cantate Domino*  
Giuseppe Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum,  
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.  
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,  
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.
* CALL TO WORSHIP
Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.
Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.
Christ leads us and guides us every day.
Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God.
You have known the presence of Christ, God’s chosen one.

Every day we long for pure spiritual milk.
Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.
Then let us lay our troubles at Christ’s feet.
Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.
We are here to ask and to receive and serve.

* INVOCATION PRAYER
Open your heavens to us, God of all worlds. We long for the pure spiritual milk you provide so we may grow into salvation. We are your people, sisters and brothers of your Chosen One. Let us this day be built into a spiritual house, a community of your faithful people. Keep us from judging those whose views differ from our own, or from throwing stones at those with whom we disagree. Incline your ear to us and rescue us from ourselves, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen

* HYMN #624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
5 Our hope is in no other save in thee;

my only trust and Savior of my heart,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
and all our substance and our strength receive;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
**CALL TO CONFESSION**  

We, who use our doubts and questions as excuses for irresponsibility, are called to account. 
We have disobeyed God’s word and rejected the One who revealed God’s love. 
Because we do not believe, we cannot see the goodness of God. 
Let us seek God’s mercy and forgiveness. 
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession, followed by time for personal silent confession.

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* The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

TEXT: Psalms, Strasbourg, 1545; trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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Tamika Murkins
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
  We confess that sometimes we have covered our ears so we cannot hear your word of judgement, holy God.
  We seek to isolate ourselves from a world in pain.
  We become enemies and prosecutors of Christ, who identified with poor, needy and oppressed people.
  We reject the One you sent as the way, the truth, and the life.
  We do not pray, as Jesus prayed, trusting that you hear and respond.
  O God, deliver us from ourselves.
  Amen.

  (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 not your hearts be troubled.
  Whoever believes in God will not be put to shame.
  If you truly believe, you will show care for others.
  When you care, you will join in doing the things Jesus did to help all the people God loves.
  You are chosen to proclaim the mighty acts of One who called you out of the shadows into God’s marvelous light.
  Rejoice!
  You have received the mercy of God.

  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
These are the moments when the heavens seem to open to us, and we sense the vast possibilities for life that God offers. We long to reach our God-given potential and to offer that opportunity to others. The tithes and offerings we bring are devoted to that purpose.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY  

Every Valley  John Ness Beck

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain made low; and the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Amen.

* 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  Tamika Murkins

Let us join our voices in prayer:

We commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicate material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of the spiritual house you are seeking to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. 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

Let us pray together:

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 31 (The congregation joins in the response)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, incline your ear to me, make haste to deliver me!

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety.
You are my rock and my fortress; for your name’s sake you will lead and guide me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your kindness.
Take courage and be stout-hearted, all you who hope in the Lord.
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Ask for Anything in Jesus’ Name?”
WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN #618  

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High  

DEO GRACIAS

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

* INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.  
Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.  
We receive the bread and the fruit of the vine connected to the ages:  
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,  
to the seeker eager to know God,  
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,  
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.  
Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.  
There is great joy here.  
No one is turned away for God is the host!

* HYMN #618  

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High  

DEO GRACIAS

For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent the Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

* PRAYER

God is in this place.  
And in our hearts.  
Open yourself to the nudging God.  
We feel the breath of the Spirit.  
Remember God made flesh.  
Jesus, who taught us a new way.  
(Allow silence to speak for a few moments.)  
Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,  
to taste the feast,  
the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.  
Time and time again you've offered your grace,  
even as we have stepped away,  
You continue to call us to be your people.  
You have never left us.  
We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.  
You are ever-patient, always faithful.
We give thanks for this time of celebration.
For the One this meal remembers.
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,
whose hands touched the bread,
whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you.

This is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Bless them and your people all around the world. As we eat of these common elements, unite our spirits in love for you, and our hearts in love for one another. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, the Sustainer.

* HYMN #618 * O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

All glory to our Lord and God,
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

* THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP *

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:
Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha’olam hamotzi lehem min ha’aretz.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who brings forth bread from the earth.
“This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat.”

And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it saying:
Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha’olam borei p’ri hagafen.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who creates the fruit of the vine.
“This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, send power upon these gifts, your bread and your cup. God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our sisters, siblings and brothers in faith around the world. Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives. Help us
To know you,
To be guided by the Holy Spirit,
And to live Christ.
Now and forever.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

We pray for all those in need of healing, comfort or strength, whether it be of body, mind, or spirit. We pray for...

We pray 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

CALL TO THE FEAST

This is the feast prepared for you. Come and share for all is ready. Please hold onto the elements till all are served, that we might partake of them together.
Esto Les Digo

Esto les digo, esto les digo.
Si dos de ustedes se ponen, si dos de usteded se ponen,
Se ponen en aquerdo, Aye en, en la tierra Para pedir.
Pedir algo en oracion, Mi padre que esta en en cielo, En el cielo,
Se lo dara, Porque donde dos o tres, se reúnen, en mi nombre.
Aye estoy yo. En medio de ellios. Medio, de ellios.
Esto les digo. (Estoy aye)
Esto les digo. Esto, Esto, Esto les digo.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP
The Body of Christ broken for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION
Creative, connecting God,
you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ;
From child-like faith, to youthful energy,
from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder’s wisdom.
We thank you for this time, this remembrance. Amen.
* HYMN #444

**Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

**DETROIT**

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)

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1. “Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,
2. How can your pardon reach and bless the un forgiving heart,
3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.

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but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say,
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Few petitions of the Lord’s Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate spareness.

MUSIC: Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING*

Jesus sends us out into paths of service.
We are summoned to greater works than Jesus did.

**How is it possible for us to do more than Jesus did?**

**Can we preach and pray and heal as Jesus did?**

We are chosen as Christ’s representatives.
We are the church, the body of Christ on earth.

**Together we can make a difference.**

**God is at work in us to heal our world.**

Christ has gone ahead to prepare a place for us.
Following in Christ’s way, we know fullness of life.

**We believe God dwells in and among us.**

**God’s mighty acts are revealed through us.**
* 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

To God Be the Glory
William Howard Doane

“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:
Michelle Baron, Chris Bryan, Joe Geraci, Zach Beaver, Holly Hubert, Jesse Park, Thomas Kilbane, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell, John Bako and Family, the Pichler Family, the Macuga Family, the Richter Family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Alma Bako, may her memory be a blessing.
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.

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
**May 7-May 21, 2023**

Sun May 7
- 8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Communion
- 11:15am - 12:15pm MUW hybrid meeting/Cuyahoga Room
- 11:30am - 12:30pm Deacons’ Meeting/Chapel
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm Guardians/Twins

Tues May 9
- 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting

Fri May 12
- 10:00am - 11:00am Tour/ Hawken HS

Sun May 14
- 8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Mother's Day
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm Guardians/Angels

Tues May 16
- 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting

Thurs May 18
- Ascension Day
  - 7:00pm - 9:00pm FPS Director's Meeting/Conference Room

Sat May 20
- Cleveland Marathon

Sun May 21
- 8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/In Person

**Last Sunday Attendance**

In-Person: 63

Online: 303
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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:**

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