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Fifth Sunday in Easter

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.

* 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 Re - deem - er art,
2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

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

TOULON
10.10.10.10

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Tamika Murkins

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.

* 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

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

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*)

The musical score is for a 2/2 time signature. The top staff is a single melodic line in treble clef. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics 'Lord, be my rock of safe - ty.' are written below the top staff. Chord symbols are placed above the piano staff: C, G/B, Am⁷, Em/G, F, C, Fmaj⁷, and C. The piano part features block chords in the left hand and single notes or dyads in the right hand.

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.

Gospel

John 14:1-14(NRSVUE)

“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* DEO GRACIAS

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 melek 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 melek 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Esto Les Digo

Kinley Lange

Esto les digo, esto les digo.
Si dos de ustedes se ponen, si dos de ustedes se ponen,
Se ponen en acuerdo, 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 reunen, en mi nombre.
Aye estoy yo. En medio de ellos. Medio, de ellos.
Esto les digo. (Estoy aye)
Esto les digo. Esto, Esto, Esto les digo.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

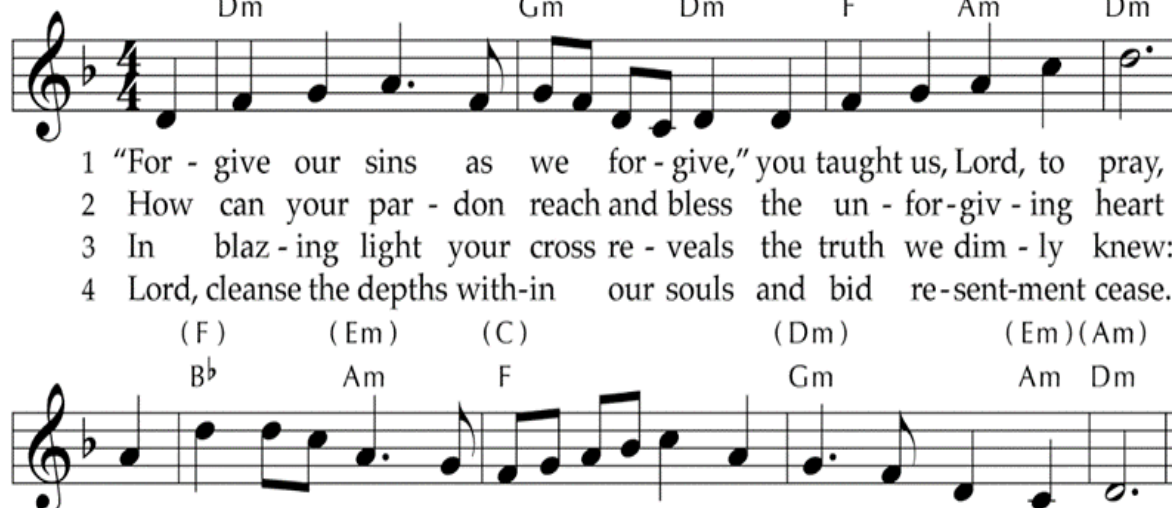
The Body of Christ broken for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

* 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.

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

Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em)(Am)

B \flat Am F Gm Am Dm

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, 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.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983, alt.

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

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DETROIT

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* 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

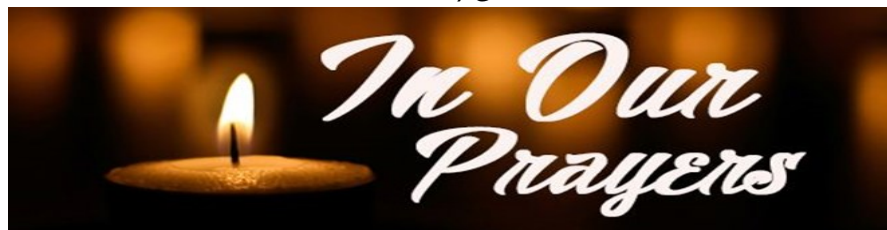
Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race. 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
Lord, guide my feet, direct my path, and keep my way. Can't make a step without you.
I don't want to run this race in vain.

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*



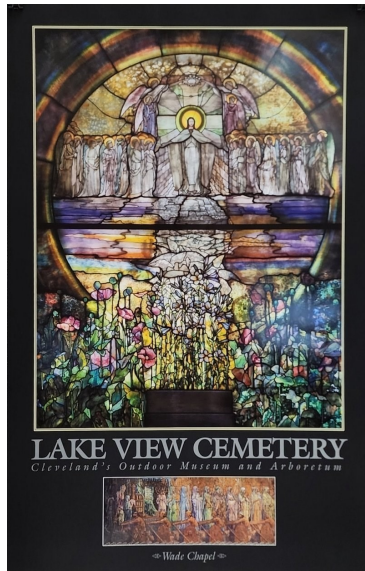
We continue to keep in our prayers:

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.



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

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.

Last Sunday Attendance

In-Person: 63

Online: 303

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 Cleveland Marathon
 8:30am - 9:30am Choir Rehearsal
 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/In Person

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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.

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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*

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