



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 11, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*Pastorale on "Nettleton"*

Phil Lehenbauer

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

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

God calls us out of places known and secure.

God invites us into a living, trusting relationship.

**Happy are those whom God chooses as a heritage.**

**God's counsel to every generation comes to us.**

God continues to bring new worlds into being.

God is constantly offering new opportunities to us.

**We are called away from empty pursuits.**

**God wants to employ our talents for the common good.**

Let us worship God with our whole being.

Let us use all our talents to praise our creator.

**Praise God with instruments we have made.**

**Sing praises with voices God has given.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

God Most High,

it is hard to hear you calling us,

for there are many competing voices vying for our attention.

It is difficult to believe your promises

because we have been misled by so many empty commitments.

We are hesitant to hope for healing and fulfillment

amid the living death so many experience in our times.

Yet, as we gather here to touch the Unseen Presence,

we are moved to rejoice.

We stand in awe before you, eager to live by faith,

anticipating your mercy, giving thanks for your word.

\* HYMN #515

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F (Bm) Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion  
4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er  
5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has

(Asus) Csus (Am) Cm (G) B $\flat$  (F $\sharp$ m) Am (D) F

free, the life of Je-sus to re-call, in  
fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993  
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977  
 Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company  
 Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE  
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## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Margaret Wetzler

How tempted we are to resist the idea that we are numbered  
 among the sinners who need periods of confession.  
 We deplore such thinking as negative,  
 ignoring the positive value of self-examination and penitence.  
 We are more ready to trust our own judgements than to rely on God's direction.  
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,  
 followed by time for silent personal confession.  
 Thus, we pray:

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness,  
 we come to you, as tax collectors and sinners flocked to Jesus long ago.  
 We have wavered in distrust of your promises, yet cling to their truth.  
 We believe that your ways are far more fulfilling than any we can devise,  
 yet we shrink from following where Christ leads.  
 Forgive our pursuit of lesser gods we create,  
 and wean us away from our fascination with the false values that tempt us.  
 Draw us closer to you, we pray.  
*(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

Rejoice, for God gives life to the dead  
and calls into existence possibilities we could not imagine.  
Christ died for our sins and rose to new life that we might be justified.  
Let us explore together what that means  
in the assurance that God is able and willing to fulfill all the promises made to us.  
God takes us by the hand and lifts us up to abundant life.  
Praise 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

Please be seated.  
Through our giving to the church,  
we build altars for the worship of God,  
not just in sanctuaries made with hands,  
but in lives enriched by caring and sharing.  
We bring our offerings in thanksgiving to God,  
remembering that we are but temporary stewards over all we possess.  
The offering will be received at this time.

[OFFERING](#)

OFFERTORY

*He Never Failed Me Yet*

Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour, He gives me power.  
I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers toils and snares  
that He has brought me out. He is my God, and I'll serve Him no matter what the test.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.  
One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?  
And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?  
When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet

\* 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

Margaret Wetzler

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers and restoring our strength.  
Thank you for drawing us apart from our selfish ways  
and self-serving pursuits.  
Let our offering today fulfill your purposes, not ours.  
Let these gifts summon others to follow Christ.  
Let them know the joy of breaking bread with the Great Physician  
who offers healing to all who dare to trust your mercy.

\* 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

Epistle

Romans 4:13-25 (NRSVUE)

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While Jesus was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Honorable Justin M. Bibb  
Mayor, City of Cleveland, OH



\* 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.

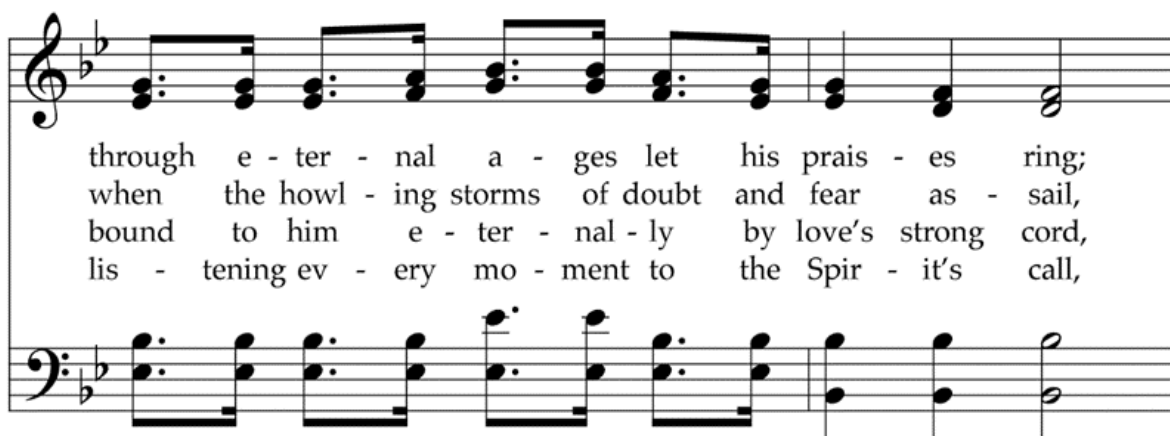
\* LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.



Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of “stand” and “promise(s),” the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see no. 353).

\* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Happy are the people whom God has chosen.

We are inheritors of God's grace and mercy.

**God's counsel is available to us every day.**

**By faith we receive God's gracious promises.**

God sends us to places unknown and full of risk.

The Spirit provides the resources we need.

**We live by hope, even when the way is unclear.**

**We seek to be faithful to God's intention for us.**

Jesus says to us, "Follow me," and we respond.

Christ answers our needs with a healing touch.

**We are inheritors of God's grace.**

**Rejoice with us in the blessings God provides.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Forth In Peace

Albin C. Whitworth

Go Forth in peace, go forth in love to do the Master's will. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfried Karg-Elert

*"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:**

Bill Stinchcomb, Mary Lou Eisaman, Harry Hatters, Mardia Long, John Gibbons,  
Eric Zaslov, Michelle Baron, Chris Bryan, Joe Geraci, Zach Beaver, Holly Hubert,  
Jesse Park, Thomas Kilbane, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff,  
Margaret Bell, Pam Woody, Dwayne Ware Sr. and 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.*



Old Stone Church is pleased to welcome today  
Cleveland's 58th Mayor,  
The Honorable Justin M. Bibb

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**Old Stone Church New Member Retreat**  
**Saturday June 17, 2023**  
**11:00AM-3:00PM**

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**Last Sunday Attendance**

In-Person:79

Online:281

**June 11-30, 2023**

Sun Jun 11 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Mayor Bibb  
1:00pm - 4:00pm Guardians/Astros  
4:00pm - 6:00pm Celebrity Chef/Brandon E. Chrostowski/EDWINS  
Tue Jun 13 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting  
3:00pm - 3:45pm Tour YMCA Seniors' Group  
Wed Jun 14 10:00am - 10:30am Tour of Sanctuary - Stow Women's Group  
Thu Jun 15 7:00pm - 9:00pm FPS Director's Meeting  
Sat Jun 17 11:00am - 3:00pm New Member Retreat  
Sun Jun 18 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Fathers' Day  
Mon Jun 19 All day Juneteenth  
Tue Jun 20 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting  
Sun Jun 25 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/In Person  
1:00pm - 4:00pm Guardians/Brewers  
Tue Jun 27 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting  
6:30pm - 8:30pm Session/ZOOM  
Thu Jun 29 4:00pm - 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal - Wu/Kole  
Fri Jun 30 3:00pm - 5:00pm Eda Wu/Kyle Kole Wedding 4PM

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

**Minister of Music:** David L. Dettloff

### 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 Rolén  
Penni Rolén  
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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