



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 18, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Ubi Caritas

Gerald Near

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord

Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name;
From early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim.

His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes his mercies known:
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a time of God's appearing; let us worship!
Let us recognize that God is within and among us.

God's ear is inclined toward us.

We know that God listens and hears our prayers.

We are here to offer our thanks to God.

We will pay our vows to God in the presence of others.

We are grateful for the grace in which we stand.

We praise God with great joy and gladness.

God bears us up on eagles' wings.

God draws us into covenant community.

We will listen for God's commandments.

We will seek to do all that God requires.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

God of all creation, help us to recognize your presence among us.

May we greet one another as your precious children

and as messengers of your care.

Help us offer such hospitality to one another

that even the most skeptical among us will be touched by love.

You are love; in you we find hope amid our weakness and doubt.

Let your glory shine in this place today

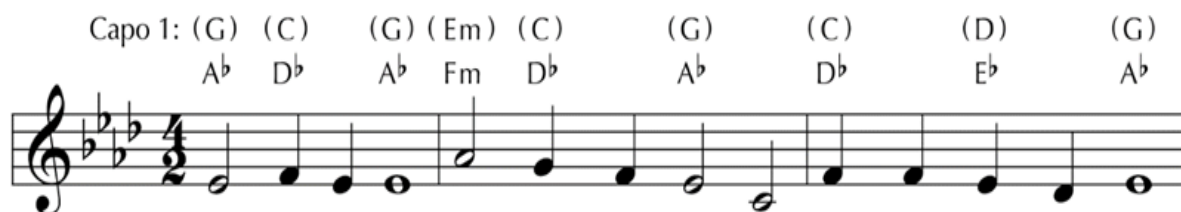
as we lift up the cup of salvation and call on your name.

Amen.

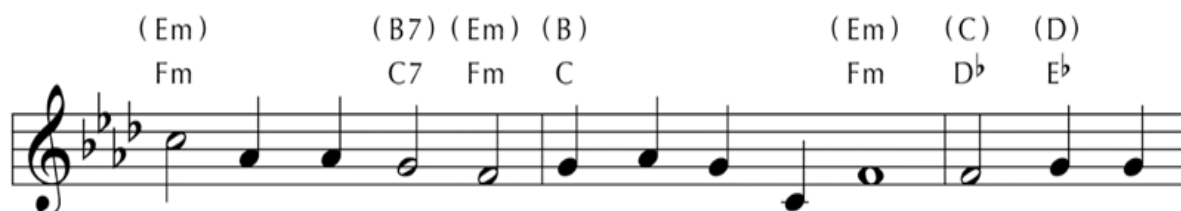
* HYMN #719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA



1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

* KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's favor rests on us.
Sincere confession is met with caring acceptance.
God hears the prayers of our hearts and grants us peace the world cannot give.
While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,
that we might have access to the grace in which we stand.
Lift up the cup of salvation and offer sacrifices of thanksgiving.
God has loosed our bonds and freed us to share God's glory.
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.
What shall we return to God for all the bounty we have received?
Everything we have comes from God and is but lent to us for a time.
Let us offer a thanksgiving sacrifice,
rejoicing in the opportunity to share in bringing in the harvest for God.
The offering will be received at this time.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
Take our many ways of working,
blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow,
Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

* 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

Rev. Carmen D. Cox Harwell

Let us join our voices in prayer:

We repeat our vows of commitment to you, gracious God,
as we dedicate this offering.
We are disciples of Jesus Christ, commissioned to share the good news.
May all that we dedicate here – our abilities,
the fleeting moments of our days,
the resources entrusted to our management –
announce your reign and the nearness of your dominion.
We give with joy and serve with delight,
thanking you for this opportunity to share what you have given.
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

Epistle

Romans 5:1-8 (NRSVUE)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8-23(NRSVUE)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Laborers for Christ”

Jesu Christ, Yo estoy aqui! Jesus Christ, I am here!

Miro al cielo y veo una nube blanca que va pasando
Miro a la tierra y veo una multitud que va caminando
Como esa nube blanca, la gente no sabe a donde va.
Quien les pondra decir el camino cierta es nuestro Senor.

I look upon the sky and I see a white cloud that is passing by
I look at the earth and I see a crowd that is walking by.
Like that white cloud the people don't know where they are going.
The One who will tell you the right way is our Lord.

En cada esquina veo quien ha perdido algun hermano
En busca del mismo cielo, la misma fe viene caminando.
Es mi deseo ver aumentando siempre esta procesion
Para que todos canten a viva voz esta oracion.

In every corner I see someone who has lost a brother.
In search of the same heaven, the same faith comes walking in.
It is my desire to see this procession always increasing.
For everyone to sing this prayer out loud.

* 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 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Go out, prepared each day for God's appearing.

Recognize the Christ within and among us.

Surely God is present wherever we go.

God listens and responds to our prayers.

The harvest is plentiful but laborers are few.

Ask God to send the laborers who are needed.

As we are able, we will serve.

God will empower our witness and ministry.

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts.

We have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We carry God's Grace into the world.

* 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

Postlude on "Old Hundredth"

Fred Bock

*"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, Melvin Hilliard, Mardia Long,
John Gibbons, Eric Zaslov, Chris Bryan, Joe Geraci, Zach Beaver, 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.



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Deacons Meeting/Chapel

Sunday June 25, 2023 11:30AM

Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

Tuesday June 27, 2023 6:30PM-8:30PM

Last Sunday Attendance

In-Person:107

Online:299

June 18-July 4, 2023

Sun Jun 18 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Fathers' Day

Mon Jun 19 Juneteenth

Tue Jun 20 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting

11:00am - 1:30pm City Club Lecture/Public Square

Wed Jun 21 All day Cruise Ship Cleveland

Sun Jun 25 All day Cruise Ship Cleveland

10:00am - 11:00am Worship/In Person

11:30am - 12:30pm Deacon Meeting

1:00pm - 4:00pm Guardians/Brewers

Tue Jun 27 10:00am - 11:30am Staff Meeting

11:00am - 1:30pm City Club Lecture/Public Square

6:30pm - 8:30pm Session/ZOOM

Thu Jun 29 4:00pm - 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal - Wu/Kole

Fri Jun 30 All day Cruise Ship Cleveland

3:00pm - 5:00pm Eda Wu/Kyle Kole Wedding 4PM

Sun Jul 2 10:00am - 11:00am Worship/Communion

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

Tue Jul 4 All day Fourth of July/ Building and Offices Closed

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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
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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

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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
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Mark Pichler

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