



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 4, 2023

TRINITY-PRIDE SUNDAY WITH COMMUNION

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA Jeffrey Honoré

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

How majestic is God's name in all the earth!
We see God's glory in the expanse of the heavens.
All plants and animals are God's creation.
All that God has made reflects God's goodness.
We are created in God's image, to relate to God.
We receive great abundance and care from our Creator.
God blesses us day by day with good things.
We are given dominion over the works of God.
Gather to praise God and greet one another.
Celebrate all the ways God is revealed to us.
We worship the Creator and Sustainer of all things.
We rejoice in Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit.

* INVOCATION PRAYER


Triune God,
known to us in more ways than we can count,
we marvel at the mystery of life, and wonder at your attention to our lives.
As we ponder the vast expanse of space,
we are fascinated by distances too extensive to understand.
The times we have measured are a tiny ripple in your eternity.
Yet you have honored this planet by revealing yourself
in the life and ministry of Jesus
and the empowerment of your Holy Spirit.
Let us experience your presence in this time of worship.

* HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House


TWO OAKS

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Martha Vassel

All that God has created is labeled "Very Good."
Life in all its forms is complex and interrelated.
Human life is precious and marvelously linked.
Let us confess our neglect and irresponsibility
in relation to all creation and to one another.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.
Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amazing God,
the more we learn of your creation,
the more we are filled with awe and wonder.
Yet, our vision narrows to our limited concerns,
and we forget the immense reaches of the stewardship
to which you appoint us.
We have not taken good care of this tiny spaceship, Earth,
which is our home.
We have not cared well for one another as sisters and brothers.
Our doubts outweigh our obedience.
O God, help us fulfill our baptism and claim our discipleship,
as forgiven and forgiving sinners.
(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

We are created in the image of God
and are blessed with the capacity to reflect God's will in our daily lives.
God cares for us and invests us with responsibility.
Thus God honors us with high expectations
and confidence in our willingness to seek out life's best for all people.
We are loved.
We are forgiven.
Our baptism is renewed.

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

What will we return to God
for all the bounty of the universe we have been given to enjoy?
We cannot count the blessings of life which God supplies to us.
The mandate of Christ is clear: "Go and make disciples of all nations."
That means we must, first of all, accept our own discipleship
in wholehearted obedience and self-giving service.
God expects no less than all we have and all we are.
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

Martha Vassel

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessings
for our own personal use,
we come to dedicate our time, talent and treasure
to realize your reign on earth, majestic God.
As we enjoy your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers
might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts you entrust to us.
Thank you for life and all its wonders.

* 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

Torah

Genesis 1:1-2:4a (Inclusive Bible – read responsively)

In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep— yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light!” and light was. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night.”

Evening came, and morning followed— the first day.

Then God said, “Now, make an expanse between the waters!” Separate water from water! So it was: God made the expanse and separated the water above the expanse from the water below it. God called the expanse “Sky.”

Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.

Then God said, “Waters under the sky: be gathered into one place! Dry ground: appear!” So it was. God called the dry ground “Earth” and the gathering of the waters “Sea.” And God saw that this was good. Then God said, “Earth produce vegetation— plants that scatter their own seeds, and every kind of fruit tree that bear fruit with its own seed in it!” So it was: the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed, and every kind of fruit tree on earth that bears fruit with its seed in it. And God saw that this was good.

Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.

Then God said, “Now let there be lights in the expanse of the sky! Separate day from the night! Let them mark the signs and seasons, days and years, and serve as luminaries in the sky, shedding light on the earth.” So it was: God made the two great lights, the greater one to illumine the day and a lesser to illumine the night. Then God made the stars as well, placing them in the expanse of the sky, to shed light on the earth, to govern both day and night, and separate light from darkness. And God saw that this was good.

Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

God then said, “Waters: swarm with an abundance of living beings! Birds: fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky!” And it was so: God created the great sea monsters and all sorts of swimming creatures with which the waters are filled, and all kinds of birds. God saw that this was good and blessed them, saying, “Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the waters of the seas! Birds, abound on the earth!” Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.

Then God said, “Earth bring forth all kinds of living soul—cattle, things that crawl, and wild animals of all kinds!” So it was: God made all kinds of wild animals, and cattle and everything that crawls on the ground, and God saw that this was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground.”

Humankind was created as God’s reflection:
in the divine image God created them;
female and male, God made them.

God blessed them, and said, “Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth—and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things on the earth!” God then told them, “Look! I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree whose fruit carries its seed inside itself: they will be your food; and to all the animals of the earth and the birds of the air and things that crawl on the ground—everything that has a living soul in it—I give all the green plants for food.” So it was. God looked at all of this creation, and proclaimed, that this was good—very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. On the seventh day God had finished all the work of creation, and so, on that seventh day God rested. God blessed the seventh day and called it sacred, because on it God rested from all the work of creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20 (Inclusive Bible)

The Eleven made their way to Galilee, to the mountain to where Jesus had summoned them. At the sight of the risen Christ they fell down in homage, though some doubted what they were seeing. Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words: “All authority has been given me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of Abba God, and of the Only Begotten, and of the Holy Spirit. ‘Teach them to carry out everything that I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, even until the end of the world!’”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN #404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof, sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

* 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 #404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

Words from afar, stars that are falling. Sparks that are sown in us like seed:
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders
sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard:
God's free redeeming word.

* 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 #404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

And we accept bread at his table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase:
God's justice and God's peace.

* 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 *Love Has Always Been Our Song* Joseph M. Martin

Together we have reached beyond the shadows. We have raised a song of truth to right the wrong.

We've awakened in this place the healing sounds of grace.

We have sung for peace and pride with voices strong.

Together we have raised a call for healing. We have lifted high the psalms of joy and praise.

All our music and our art we have given from the heart. In this quest unending,
we have kept the faith.

Love has always been our song. Love has always been the reason we sing.

All our hopes and dreams became our music. Love has always been our song.

We have boldly marched as one on groundless ground. When words were not enough,
we raised an awesome sound.

We have raised a thousand alleluias. We have sung for those who had no voice.

In all our music, with every love song, we filled this house with glorious noise!

O we have raised the testament of freedom. We have broken down the walls of hate and fear.

With a message clear and bright, we have sung into the night.

We have built a legacy to last the years!

Now with unity, we sing about the future, for there are words and music still unsung.

So faithful to our call, we dedicate our all. We will change the world with voices raised as one.

Love will always be our song. Love will always be the reason we sing.

In the dreams we share, there's glorious music. Love will always be our song.

This is our legacy! This is our destiny! Love will always be our song! Love will be our song!

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.



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Go out to tell the world that God cares.

Celebrate the gift of life and all its possibilities.

We are awed by God's vast creation.

We are amazed at how God honors us.

God has given us stewardship over creation.

We are given the care of every living thing.

Land, sea, and air are ours to enjoy.

All are entrusted to our careful watch.

Generations before us have passed on God's gifts.

Generations to follow depend on our faithfulness.

We pray for insight and generosity to save this legacy.

We seek to live in peace and love with everyone.

* 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 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing *Gelobt sei Gott*
Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570-1615
Setting by Healey Willan

*"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,
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.



Old Stone Church is pleased to announce that
Cleveland's 58th Mayor,
The Honorable Justin M. Bibb
will address the congregation during worship service next
Sunday, June 11, 2023.

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.

Old Stone Church's Annual Plant Exchange returns today Sunday, June 4th in Memorial Hall

Last Sunday Attendance

In-Person: 79

Online: 364

June 4 - June 18, 2023

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
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/In Person/Fathers' Day



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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*

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