



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JULY 30, 2023

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Dale Wood

WELCOME

Elizabeth Buchanan

INTROIT

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us call on our God and give thanks.

Let hearts rejoice as we sing of God's praise.

Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.

Let all the people tell of God's wonderful works.

Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence.

Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.

Who can separate us from the love of God?

Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

We can face all things, knowing God's care.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Meet us here, holy God,

to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits.

**Plant your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing,
inviting ways for the sake of all your creatures.**

May we find in these moments of worship

**the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss,
discouragement, and suffering.**

**Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ,
to trust you and your will for us.**

We believe that whatever happens, you can bring some good from it.

Show us, O God, the good you intend.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elizabeth Buchanan

We who profess our faith are challenged to be honest about our doubts.

Our pretense of concern for others is tainted by our self-interest.

Our great plans are compromised by little deceits.

God judges as well as upholds.

Surely all of us need to seek forgiveness.

Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.

Thus, we pray:

* HYMN #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 E^b B^b E^b C^m A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b



spread the plain, mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate - ful wor - ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b B^b



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b C^m G^m A^b B^b E^b A^b



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
 E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b F^m E^b B^b E^b



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You know us, God, better than we know ourselves.
You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage.
You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim.
Help us to face ourselves with honesty.
Give us the will and courage to change our ways.
We give thanks for Christ's intercession for us.
We rejoice as the spirit gives voice to all we cannot express.
Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign.**
(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

Praise our God who forgives and restores.
Give thanks for the inheritance that is ours in Christ Jesus.
We have received a pearl of great value,
a treasure undeserved, a pardon unmerited.
Nothing can separate us from the love of God –
not death or life, not angels or rulers,
not things present or things to come,
not heights or depths;
no earthly power or anything in all creation
can take away God's abiding concern and care for each one of us.
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.

We gather an offering,

not so much to support an institution as to follow our passion to share the good news of the realm of God with one another with many who have never heard it. Amid an atmosphere of deceit and distrust in the world, where community is so seldom realized in our day, we aspire to discover and live God's will for us.

Let us give generously.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter

R/. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. **R/.**

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky;
the cold wind in the Winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. **R/.**

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. **R/.**

* 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

Elizabeth Buchanan

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**The gift of your realm is precious to us, O God.
It is worth our greatest efforts and our caring sacrifice.
As we search for the best in life,
we also want to share our faith discoveries with friends and neighbors.
We do that personally and with our giving.
May our outreach proclaim to all that nothing can separate us from your love.
We give you thanks that you have entrusted to us
all that we are privileged to share.
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

**God of All Wisdom, since the dawn of history,
you have spoken to your people to teach us and guide us.
Speak to us again this day,
and let your Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to understand.
Speak to us, Lord, in this hour.
In the name of that Holy Spirit we pray.**

THE READINGS

Hebrew Genesis 1:1-2:4 (NRSVUE)

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas.

And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule

over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.

With God's help we are listening.

Psalm 8 (NRSVUE) (read responsively)

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

**⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSVUE)

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness,

and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.
Today’s trouble is enough for today.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Cinda Warner Gorman

“Notes on Creation”



HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

HYMN #625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed: **R/.**

R/. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: **R/.**

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...

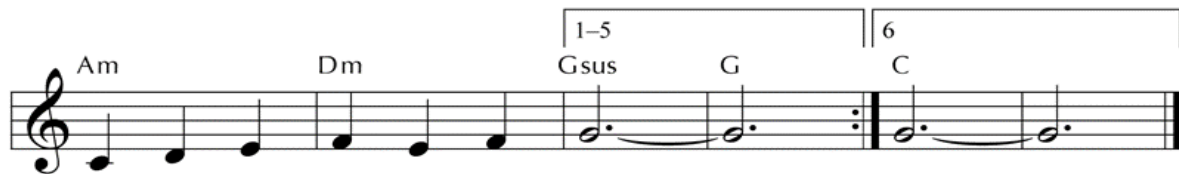
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

God remembers the covenant made with humanity.

May we remember our part of that covenant.

We will praise our God wherever we go.

We will tell of God's wonderful works.

God brings good from the worst of circumstances.

Those who trust God live with confidence.

We believe nothing can separate us from God's love.

In Christ, we are assured of God's care.

We are invited to make God's realm our first priority.

Living as God intends is life's greatest fulfillment.

May our mustard-seed faith grow strong.

We treasure God's realm in our midst.

Amen.

• CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

Jason D. Payne

*"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:

Becky Shipp, Leah Merritt, Orette Ayton, Caroline Poirier, Kinza and Maheen, Karen Cogar, Clarence Niles, Martha Simons, Marlon, Brennan, Mary Lou Eisaman, Harry Hatters, John Gibbons, Chris Bryan, Joe Geraci, Zach Beaver, Jesse Park, Thomas Kilbane, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell, Pam Woody, Melvin Hilliard, the LeBron Family, the Stinchcomb 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.

Rev. Dr. Cinda Warner Gorman

The Old Stone Church is pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Cinda Warner Gorman as today's guest preacher. Dr. Gorman has served Presbyterian congregations in Michigan, Illinois, California and Ohio since 1975. In 2013 she began a three-year term as a Presbyterian Mission Co-Worker as the International Relations Coordinator at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt. She and Steve retired to Cleveland at the beginning of 2016 and now live in Olmsted Township. Cinda founded the Ministry Advocating with Homeless Persons as a Presbytery Network and volunteers at the Habitat ReStore. She and Steve worship at Lakewood Presbyterian Church.



SAVE THE DATE!

Old Stone Church Picnic



Sunday September 10, 2023

2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

North Olmsted Community Cabin

28114 Lorain Road

North Olmsted, OH 44070

**Raffle to benefit the Compassionate Friends Fund*

** Dinner, Fellowship, Games*

** Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to Share*

Sign up sheets are located outside of the Chapel and at the Public Square Entrance.

Thank you to the Old Stone Deacons for organizing this picnic!



This Week at Old Stone Church

Wednesday August 2, 2023 6:00PM

Welcome & Fellowship Committee/ZOOM

Sunday August 6, 2023 11:15AM

Mission & Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/Hybrid

Last Sunday Attendance

In-Person:93 Online:182

Looking Ahead at Old Stone Church & in the Community

July 30, 2023—August 13, 2023

- Sun Jul 30 Cruise Ship Cleveland
10:00am Worship/Guest Preacher Rev. Cinda Gorman
- Mon Jul 31 Cruise Ship Cleveland
- Tue Aug 1 10:00am Team Meeting
- Wed Aug 2 Cruise Ship Cleveland
6:00pm Welcoming & Fellowship Committee Meeting/ZOOM
- Sat Aug 5 Cruise Ship Cleveland
- Sun Aug 6 Cruise Ship Cleveland
10:00am Worship/Baptism/Communion
11:15am Mission and Urban Wellness Meeting/Hybrid
1:00pm - 4:00pm Guardians/White Sox
- Mon Aug 7 Cruise Ship Cleveland
- Tue Aug 8 Election Day
10:00am Team Meeting
- Thu Aug 10 Cruise Ship Cleveland
- Fri Aug 11 4:00pm Carulas/Caplan Rehearsal
7:30pm - 10:30pm Browns/Commanders
- Sat Aug 12 5:00pm Catherine Carulas/Will Caplan Wedding
- Sun Aug 13 Cruise Ship Cleveland
10:00am Worship

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Minister of Music: David L. Dettloff

The Old Stone Quartet

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

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 Rolan
Penni Rolan
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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