



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

AUGUST 27, 2023

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
Emma Nossem – Contralto

Bob Chilcott

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lisa Dellaflora
Development & Special Events Coordinator at NAMI

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.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.
Come to worship the One who answers our prayers.

If God were not on our side, we could not live.

If God were not for us, we would be swept away.

God has gifted each one of us in unique ways.

In our variety, we complement one another.

We rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.

Blessed be our God, whose word is true.

In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs.

We are here to pay attention to God's instructions.

We are here, seeking to discern God's will.

We are open to God's transforming Spirit.

*** INVOCATION PRAYER**

God beyond our knowing,
we believe that you care for humble people
who seek to follow your Word
more than for those who are pretentious and proud in places of power.
You have protected your people when they were surrounded by trouble.
You have provided a way of escape in the midst of oppression.
Your love never fails.
Come, Holy One, to transform us.
Work within and among us to renew our minds and build community.
Nurse us into the health you intend for all your children.
You are our help and our hope.
Amen.

*** HYMN #727**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of eighth notes, each accompanied by a chord. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 1 through 6 on the left. The lyrics are: 1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.
 MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham
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THE SERVANT SONG
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Bram Chisholm

We who look with horror at the oppression of the pharaohs of Egypt
 need to view our own privileged positions.
 We, like the ancient rulers, enjoy the fruits of others' hard labor,
 the benefits of their slave-like toil.
 We eat food picked by migrant laborers and wear clothing sewn in sweatshops.
 Our insensitivity separates us from God.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
we did not realize that we are among the rich oppressors of this world.
We think we are poor when we cannot have everything we want.
Keep us from misusing the power we have.
We confess our fear of those who are unlike us.
We set up barriers against them when we are afraid.
Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and divide.
When we are tempted to conform to the world's standards,
set before us the higher model of sacrifice and service
that is given to us in Jesus, in whose name 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

God gives us grace to think with sober judgement
and to act with confident faith.
By that grace, we have unique gifts to use within the body of Christ.
God forgives and heals and empowers us
with new insights and expanded capacity to serve.
In humble obedience,
we learn the joy of following Jesus and living for the highest good for all.
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 are invited to give with generosity,
to minister in caring ways, to lead with diligence, to teach with enthusiasm.
We cannot be all things to all people.
But we can tithe the many gifts God pours out on us
and do our best to live up to God's trust in us.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

O Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

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

Bram Chisholm

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Receive our offering, gracious God,
as an expression of our thankfulness.

In your church, we are privileged to cultivate the dimensions of our lives
that give meaning and purpose to all we do.

Here we become aware that the greatest gifts we receive are not material,
and we learn how to best use the particular gifts you give us.

At the same time, you show us how our material advantages can help others.

May many be blessed through our sharing of these offerings
and our sharing of ourselves.

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.
Amen.

THE READINGS

Epistle

Romans 12:1-8 (NRSVUE)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSVUE)

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"Keys to the Kin'dom, Not Kingdom"



* 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

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

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Serve the world as people transformed by God.

Let others know God's mercy and forgiveness.

We seek to live as Jesus taught.

We seek to embody trust in God and love for all.

Daily, God renews our energy and confirms our gifts.

In Christ we are drawn away from conformity to the world.

Our agenda is to discern and do God's will.

We aim to use well the gifts God has given.

Remember that God is on our side.

God calls us into community with one another.

In Christ, there are no enemies.

We recognize all people as God's children.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Minor

Benedetto Marcello

*"My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

Psalms 73:26



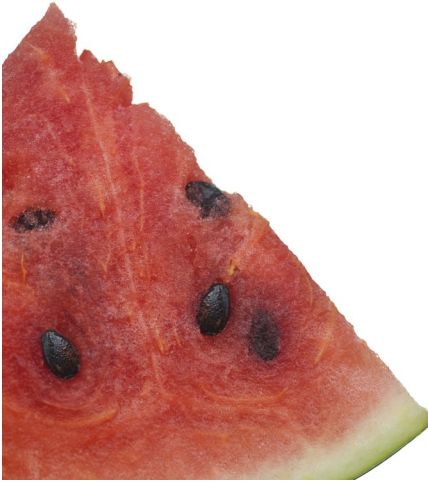
We continue to keep in our prayers:

Don Urban, JoAnn Hood & the Hood family, Pat, Gail Reid, Becky Shipp, Mark Merritt,
Orette Ayton, Caroline Poirier, Charlotte, Kinza and Maheen, Karen Cogar, Clarence
Niles, Marlon, Brennan, Mary Lou Eisaman, Angela Hendricks, Adams Family
Harry Hatters, John Gibbons, Chris Bryan, Joe Geraci, Zach Beaver, Jesse Park,
Thomas Kilbane, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell, Barney Taxel,
Diana & John Young, Barbara Macnair.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Connor Adams. May his 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.



OLD STONE CHURCH HOMECOMING PICNIC

*Sunday, September 10, 2023 2:30–5:30PM

*North Olmsted Community Cabin

28114 Lorain Road North Olmsted, Oh 44070

*Raffle to benefit 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 the picnic!

WALK WITH NAMI IN 2023

It's not how far we walk at **NAMIWalks Greater Cleveland** on **September 23 at Edgewater Park**,
but how far we've come to make our milestones count.

With your support and high spirits, we intend to make an unprecedented impact on mental health in
our community.

NAMIWalks 2023 represents a powerful chance to leave a significant mark on the local mental
health landscape.

Whether you're a previous participant or a new voice waiting to be heard, we're pretty sure you'll find
the festivities inspired *and* inspiring.

9AM Check-in/10AM NAMIWalks steps off.



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday August 27, 2023 11:30AM

Deacons Meeting/Chapel

Sunday September 3, 2023 11:15AM

Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/Cuyahoga Room/Hybrid

Monday September 4, 2023

Labor Day/Building and Offices Closed

Last Sunday Attendance

In-Person: 71

Online: 237

August 27-September 4

Sun Aug 27 All day Cruise Ship Cleveland

10:00am Worship

11:30am Deacons Meeting/Chapel

Tue Aug 29 All day Cruise Ship Cleveland

Wed Aug 30 10:30am Team Meeting

Thu Aug 31 All day Cruise Ship Cleveland

Fri Sep 1 All day Cruise Ship Cleveland

Sun Sep 3 10:00am Worship/Communion

11:00am - 4:00pm Cars in the Square

11:15am MUW hybrid meeting

1:00pm Guardians/Rays

Mon Sep 4 All day Labor Day/ Building and Offices Closed

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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.

All contributions are tax-deductible and will be appropriately acknowledged at year-end.

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The Old Stone Quartet

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Ian Atwood *tenor*

Seth Hobi, *bass*

Trevor Kazarian, *cello*

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2023

Beth Buchanan
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Bernard Medie
Bob Reid

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