

THE OLD STONE CHURCH

AUGUST 6, 2023

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WITH BAPTISM AND COMMUNION

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Aria, Opus 51

Flor Peeters

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

Ave, verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
In cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the test of death.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of God to be fed.
Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.

We gather to seek God's face.

Let our eyes see all that is right and true.

Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.
Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

We are here to receive God's blessing.

God is our refuge in a frightening world.

God is near to all who call and seek.

Come to praise God and receive a blessing.

Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.

We want to renew our covenant with the living God.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

**We are in awe before you, O God,
for you have provided for us in rich abundance.**

The earth is full of your provisions.

There is beauty all around us from the work of your hands.

**You have surrounded us with people who care about us
with the love of Christ.**

Help us, O God, to count our blessings.

Point us beyond our cries and complaints

that we might realize our capacity to act in your name

for the sake of others. As we wrestle with issues of faith and trust,

**help us to risk our false security for the venture of feeding others
in the spirit of Christ.**

Amen.

1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
 2 Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not
 3 This food de-lights and sat - is - fies, the food your God can
 4 Re - turn while God may still be found, and call while God will
 5 My word like heav - en's snow de-scends; it falls like heav - en's

Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a
 bread? O lis - ten now and come to me; eat what is
 give; in - cline your ear and come to me; O hear that
 hear; now let the wick - ed quit their ways while yet the
 rain; it wa - ters all the thirst - y earth and shall not

price or sum, with - out a price or sum.
 good in - stead; eat what is good in - stead.
 you may live; O hear that you may live.
 Lord is near, while yet the Lord is near.
 go in vain, and shall not go in vain.

This text is a paraphrase of Isaiah 55:1-11 and was created by a co-editor of the 1997 Canadian Presbyterian hymnal, *The Book of Praise*. The tune composed for it includes an additional line of music, allowing the final line of text to be repeated, meditated on, and savored.

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HEAVEN'S RAIN
 CM extended

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Alyssa Niepokny

All of us need times of wrestling with God over issues in our lives.
 These moments of confession offer us one such opportunity.
 Bring your own distress to this time of confessing the sin
 in which all of us have a part.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Alyssa Niepokny

**God of justice and righteousness,
whose compassion for humankind was expressed so vividly
in Jesus of Nazareth,
we bring to you our sorrow and anguish
that we have not followed faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.
Unkindness and deceit are all around us,
and we have sometimes joined in their destructive ways.
We waste resources you have entrusted to us.
We cause others to stumble and fall.
Take away our wickedness, O God,
and restore your covenant among us,
we pray in Jesus name.**

(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

Alyssa Niepokny

God is merciful, patient, kind and loving.
All creation is subject to God's care and concern.
God attends to our cries and frees our lips from deceit.
In Christ, our brokenness finds healing,
and relationships are mended and strengthened.
God feeds us in ways beyond our knowing and prompts our generosity.
Know the glory of God surrounding us here as we worship.
Celebrate the refreshment God offers.

Alleluia and Amen!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Annabelle Collins Bratz
Timothy & Kathleen Bratz (Parents)
Erin Slivka & Timothy Slivka (Godparents)

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alyssa Niepokny

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

Alyssa Niepokny

Please be seated:

God has created a world of abundance for everyone.

Yet many do not share in the bounty.

Christ calls us to find sufficiency among us and to make sure that all are fed.

We give as we have been blessed.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, o my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

* 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

Alyssa Niepokny

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs.

You quench our thirst and alleviate our hungers when we turn to you.

You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the opportunity to help others.

May our offering proclaim your goodness and mercy.

May they be devoted to extending the beloved community of your people.

Keep our words and actions attuned to your will,

that we may offer to all what they need from your hand.

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

Let us pray together:

**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

Prophets

Isaiah 55:1-5 (NRSVUE)

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"An Invitation to Abundant Life."



WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HOLY COMMUNION

* HYMN #498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* BEACH SPRING

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

* 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 #498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* BEACH SPRING

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

* 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 #498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

(Please be seated)

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The Body of Christ broken for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Bread of Heaven

David Ashley White

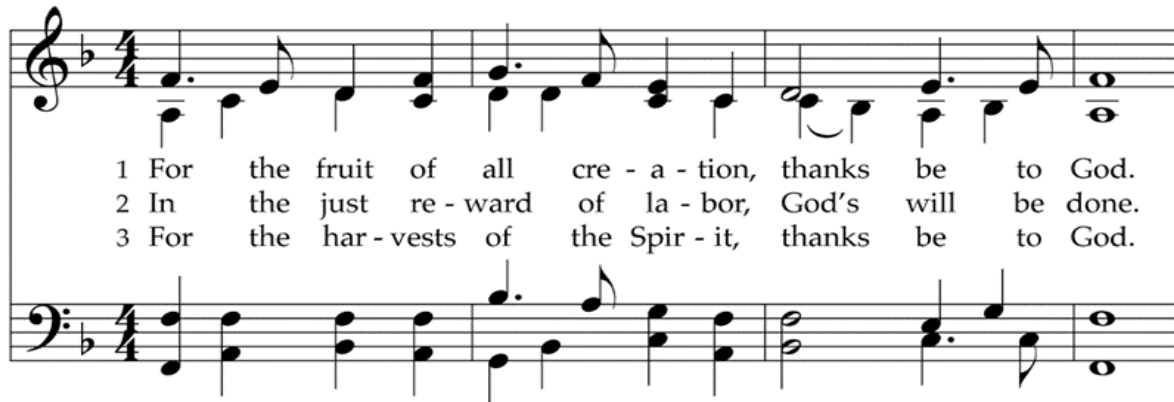
Bread of heaven, on thee we feed: for thy Flesh is meat indeed:
ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread;
day by day with strength supplied through the life of Him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live:
Jesu, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

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.**

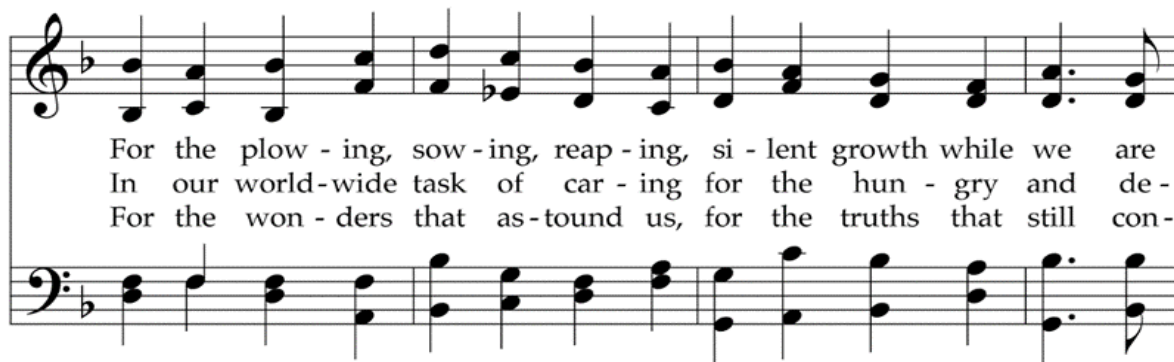




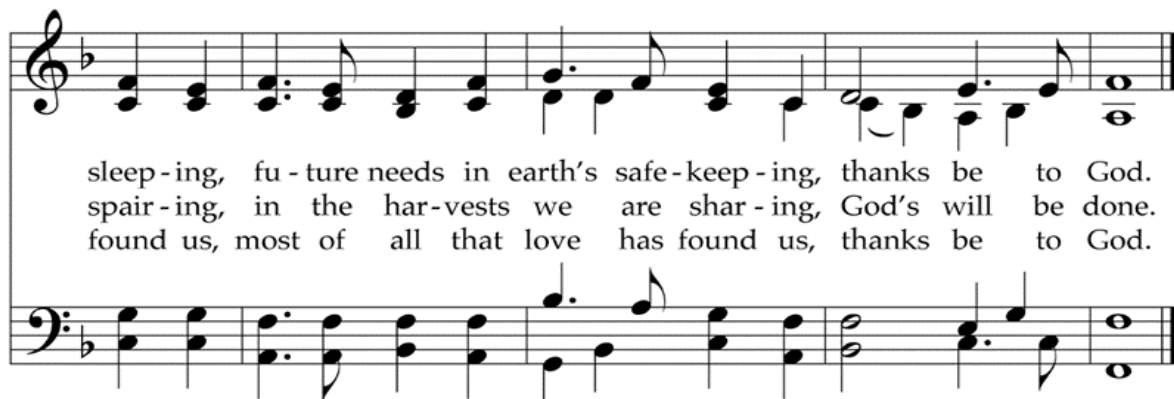
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Go out to wrestle with God and the world this week.

Know that God intends that you will feel blessed.

We believe that God preserves our lives.

All we have is a gift to us from our Creator.

God bids us welcome others into the faith community.

Christ commands: "Give them something to eat."

As God has fed us, we want to share God's bounty.

We want to pass on God's steadfast love.

Call on God in your times of need.

Listen for the answers God supplies.

God keeps covenant with us at all times.

We will seek to keep our promises to God.

Amen.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "St. George's Windsor"

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, 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.

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

Sunday August 6, 2023 11:15AM

Mission and Urban Wellness Meeting/Cuyahoga Room

Tuesday August 8, 2023

Election Day

Thursday August 17, 2023 7:00PM

FPS director's Meeting/Conference Room

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person: 69 Online: 173

Looking Ahead at Old Stone Church & in the Community

August 6-August 20, 2023

Sun	Aug 6	Cruise Ship Cleveland 10:00am Worship/Baptism/Communion 11:15am MUW Meeting/Hybrid/Cuyahoga Room 1:00pm Guardians/White Sox	Sun	Aug 13	Cruise Ship Cleveland 10:00am Worship
Mon	Aug 7	Cruise Ship Cleveland	Mon	Aug 14	Cruise Ship Cleveland
Tue	Aug 8	Election Day 10:00am Team Meeting	Tue	Aug 15	10:00am Team Meeting
Thu	Aug 10	Cruise Ship Cleveland 2:00pm Worship Committee/ZOOM	Thu	Aug 17	Cruise Ship Cleveland 7:00pm FPS Director's Meeting
Fri	Aug 11	4:00pm Carulas/Caplan Rehearsal 7:30pm Browns/Commanders	Fri	Aug 18	Cruise Ship Cleveland
Sat	Aug 12	5:00pm Catherine Carulas/Will Caplan Wedding	Sun	Aug 20	Cruise Ship Cleveland 10:00am Worship 11:00am Deacons Meeting 1:00pm Guardians/Tigers

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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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Christopher Clark, *bass*

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Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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