



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

OCTOBER 13, 2024
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on NEED</i>	Neil Harmon
WELCOME		Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
INTROIT	<i>Prayer of Cardinal Newman</i>	Norman Dello Joio

Direct, O Lord our actions by thy holy inspiration.
And carry them on by Thy gracious assistance,
That every prayer and work of ours may begin with Thee.
And by Thee be happily ended through Christ our Lord.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.
Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

**Oh, that we knew where to find God!
We want to hear and understand God's Word.**

The word of God is living and active.
It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

**We cannot hide from God who knows us.
God understands our thoughts and intentions.**

Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour.
This is the time to embrace new ways.

**Here we set the patterns for everyday life.
Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**We seek to gather as children of your realm, reigning God.
This is the time and place of your dominion.
We recognize that you, not we,
prescribe the rules under which life can be rich and full and free.
Help us in this hour to embrace the best we know.
Open our thoughts and feelings so we may learn better ways.
We approach you with boldness, daring to question and make requests,
knowing that your grace and mercy exceed our wildest imagining,
and your guidance is ever available to those who ask.
Amen.**

* HYMN #722

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.

CANONBURY
LM

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Brad Oglesby

The Word of God is living and active, sharper than a double-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

We cannot hide from God but must render an account to our Creator.

Come, then, to confess the sin and doubts that cripple your life.

Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,

followed by time for silent personal confession.

Thus, we pray together:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, hear us if you can.
Know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified
more than supported and comforted.
We cry out and hear no answers.
We suffer and find no relief.
We are tempted to blame you
even though we are the ones who cut off communication.
We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights.
When we feel mocked and scorned and despised,
we turn inward with the hurt
instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch.
Have mercy on us and help us in our time of need.**

(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON #578 *O Lord, Have Mercy* ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ
**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Remember that Jesus shared our common lot
and is able to sympathize with our weaknesses.
The Man of Nazareth was tempted as we are tempted.
Our confessions, both those spoken and those without voice,
are no surprise to the Christ, who is our great high priest.
Yet we are counted as brothers and sisters in the faith
and offered abundant grace and mercy.
For God, all things are possible. We are forgiven!
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 #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose live has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

Jesus said to the young questioner who asked about eternal life:

“There is one thing more that you must do.

Go and sell what you have and give it to those in need;

you will then have treasure in heaven.

After that, come and follow me.”

As long as our reliance is on things we have accumulated,
our Christian discipleship is threatened.

We give out of thanks to God and concern for our neighbors.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Consecration

John Ness Beck

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice, and let it sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

* 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

Brad Oglesby

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Thank you, God, for the wealth you have entrusted to us.
As we share a portion of that wealth,
we pray that it may never become the object of our affection.
Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values,
rather than on the possessions we can accumulate.
We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves
to the reign of God among us,
praying that all whom our gifts may reach
may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
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

**Reveal to us your Word, O God,
living and active in our world
by the power of your Holy Spirit.
Let your Word pierce our hearts and open our minds,
dividing good from evil, truth from falsehood, life from death;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle

Hebrews 4:12-16 (Inclusive Bible)

God's word is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It pierces so deeply that it divides even soul from spirit, bone and marrow; and is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Nothing is concealed from God; all lies bare and is exposed before the eyes of the One to whom we have to render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens—Jesus, the Firstborn of God—let us hold fast to our profession of faith. For we don't have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet never sinned. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and favor, and find help in time of need.

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

With God's help we are listening.



As Jesus was setting out on a journey, someone came running up and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to share in everlasting life?” Jesus answered, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘No killing. No committing adultery. No stealing. No bearing false witness. No defrauding. Honor your mother and your father.’ ” The other replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my childhood.” Then Jesus looked at the person with love and said, “There is one thing more that you must do. Go and sell what you have and give it to those in need; you will then have treasure in heaven. After that, come and follow me.” At these words, the inquirer, who owned much property, became crestfallen and went away sadly.

Jesus looked around and said to the disciples, “How hard it is for rich people to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples could only marvel at these words. So Jesus repeated what he had said: “My children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the Needle’s Eye gate than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at this and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible—but not for God. With God all things are possible.”

Peter was moved to say to Jesus, “We have left everything to follow you!” Jesus answered, “The truth is, there is no one who has left home, sisters or brothers, mother or father, children or fields for me and for the sake of the Gospel who won’t receive a hundred times in this present age— as many homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children and property, though not without persecution—and, in the age to come, everlasting life. Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
“To Enter the Kingdom of God”

THE APOSTLE'S 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, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The God whom we have met here is with us every day.
Be open each day to what God would say to you.

The Word of God is living and active.

It is sharper than a double-edged sword.

God's Word provides judgment on our thoughts.
It reveals the intentions of our hearts.

The scriptures lead us to Jesus, our Teacher.

In Christ, we find support and encouragement.

The word of God will guide you in all truth.
It will assure you of God's saving grace.

With God, all things are possible.

From God, we seek to know eternal life here and now.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Basse et Dessus de Trompette Louis Nicolas Clerambault

*“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:

Hannah Reid, Joe Geraci, Kimberly Williams, Amy Wheeler,
Michael Rekoric, Sunny Kunche, Father McNulty, Sister Corita,
Syam Kowmik, Annabelle, Thomas L. Azare,
Brian and Marissa Kellums, Stephanie Webb and family, Matt 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.



Please join us for Communion following the service this morning in the Chapel.

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM please join us in the Sanctuary for a Mid-Week Communion Service.



On Sunday, November 3, 2024, Old Stone Church will celebrate All Saints Sunday.

The Necrology will be read during the day's worship service.

If you would like to include a photograph of those to be remembered, they will be displayed during the reading of the names.

Please email Anthony@oldstonechurch.org by Wednesday, October 30, 2024, so that the names may be included in the service that Sunday.

@ Old Stone Church

Sunday October 13

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday October 15

7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

Wednesday October 16

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday October 17

7:00PM FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room/First Floor

Sunday October 20

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

1:00PM Browns/Bengals

1:30PM Holden Arboretum Tour

Tuesday October 22

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

Wednesday October 23

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday October 27 Reformation Sunday

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

1:00PM Browns/Ravens



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:89 Online:204

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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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Parish Associate: Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

Minister of Music: David L. Dettloff

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Samuel Jungman, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

Albert Donze, *bass*

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2024
Michelle Baron
Janie Chambers
Fred Heider
Bernard Medie
Bob Reid

Class of 2025
Dorothy Baunach
Willie Brown
David Eifert
Dave Finley
Robert Hubert Jr.

Class of 2026
Beth Buchanan
Judy Macuga
Melissa Maffia
Harriet Niles
Marty Vassel

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Amy Wheeler
John Wheeler

Class of 2025
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Eileen Kelly
Elie Medie
Mark Pichler

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Forrest Diehl
Pam Daly
Ruth Finley
Alyssa Niepokny
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