



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 2024
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	<i>Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound</i>	Dale Wood
WELCOME		Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Beth Buchanan
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

Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God.
Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.

There is pulsating life all around us.

The earth is full of God's creatures.

Sun and rain proclaim God's infinite imagination.
Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.

It is God who shares with us wisdom and understanding.

We depend on God for the gift of life.

We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.
We come to learn from the God we only dimly perceive.

We reach out for answers to our questions.

We long to find meaning and purpose for our days.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**Source of all things, how can we approach glory so vast
that all space and time is surrounded by you?**

We cannot comprehend the marvels of the earth.

How shall we honor your majesty?

You are so unknowable, yet evidence of your work is on every hand.

The mystery of life in all its many forms,

the discoveries we are allowed to make,

the sweep of knowledge entrusted to our use,

**the amazing resources of this planet—all speak of a God who cares,
who honors us, who provides for our salvation.**

Let this time of meeting honor you and equip us to do your will.

Amen.

* HYMN #299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,
3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as described in Revelation 7:9–11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714–1901.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt.
 MUSIC: Anon.; *A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms*, 1708

HANOVER
 10.10.11.11

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Harriet Niles

In the poetry of the book of Job,
 God addresses the complainers of every age:
 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
 Where were you when I laid the foundations of the world?
 When the morning stars sang together
 and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?"
 In awe before God, we confess our ill-fated attempts to play God.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray together:

**Reigning God, we confess that we,
like the disciples James and John,
seek places of honor, privilege and reward.
We succumb to the temptation
to compare ourselves with others to our advantage.
We want privilege without pain,
greatness without the grind of hard work.
We expect rewards for our efforts.
We talk about serving you, but we do not want the rank of servant.
We have lots of ideas about what you might do
to intervene in the world
and little commitment to what we might do in your name.
Forgive us and help us, gracious God.**

(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

Jordan Ware

The tears and prayers of Christ are for us.
The gift of the Holy Spirit re-creates us for ministry.
Bless and thank our God for the manifold works
which have sustained our lives and given them meaning.
God deals gently with the ignorant and wayward.
God is patient with our pretensions,
seeking always to welcome us home to true community.
Praise God!

Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jordan Ware

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

Eric Grattan

Please be seated.
 For Jesus, a life lived for others
 was the only life consistent with God's reign.
 The church exists to increase among us the love of God and neighbor,
 and to build within us the deep conviction
 that we are beloved, valued, people of worth.
 It is to this high mission that we devote our offerings for ministry
 in this community and throughout God's world.
 The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

Ye Servants of God, your master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
 the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
 "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
 The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
 fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
 God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight,
 His presence we have, the great congregation His triumph shall sing,
 Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. "Worthy the Lamb."
 Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power all wisdom and might;
 All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

* 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

Harriet Niles

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We give with joy, loving God,
 in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience.
 By your love, we have survived and learned and grown.
 We dedicate these gifts that more people
 may be brought to the feet of Jesus,
 who is the eternal source of salvation.
 Equip us to be an inviting, caring community
 in which all your ignorant and wayward people
 find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to new understanding and joy.
 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

**O God,
your word gives us counsel for our understanding.
Enable us to receive it today,
in the name of your son, our Lord. Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle

Hebrews 5:1-10 (Inclusive Bible)

Every high priest taken from among the faithful is appointed on their behalf to deal with the things of God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. The high priest is able to deal patiently with erring sinners—being likewise beset by weakness—and so must make personal sin offerings as well as for those for the people. One doesn't take on this honor by one's own initiative, but only when called by God, as Aaron was.

Even Christ did not presume to take on the office of high priest. Christ was appointed by the One who said,

“You are my Own;
today I have begotten you”;

and in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days when he was in the flesh, Jesus offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to God, who was able to save him from death, and Jesus was heard because of his reverence. Firstborn though he was, Jesus learned to obey through suffering. But having been made perfect, Jesus became, for all who obey, the source of eternal salvation, and he was designated by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Zebedee's children James and John approached Jesus. "Teacher, they said, we want you to grant our request." "What is it?" Jesus asked. They replied, "See to it that we sit next to you, one at your right hand and one at your left, when you come into your glory." Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized in the same baptism as I?" "We can," they replied. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink of, you will drink; the baptism I am immersed in, you will share. But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to whom it has been reserved." The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know how among the Gentiles those who exercise authority are domineering and arrogant; those 'great ones' know how to make their own importance felt. But it can't be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. The Promised One has come not to be served, but to serve—to give one life in ransom for the many."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
"Servant Greatness"



* 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 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

You are clothed with honor and wrapped in light.
Bless God and proclaim God's greatness to the world.

**In Christ, we are growing in wisdom and understanding.
How manifold are the works of God!**

God has chosen us to be priests to our neighbors.
Deal gently and lovingly with the children of God.

We will daily turn to God in prayer and supplication.

With reverent submission, we will seek to do God's will.

There is glory in humble tasks done in God's name.
Abounding joy awaits you in God's service.

We face another week of living, with hope.

God is strengthening all of us as loyal servants.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Festal Postlude

G. F. Handel

*“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:

Shirley Daly, Barbara Haynes, Hannah Reid, Joe Geraci, Kimberly Williams,
Amy Wheeler, Michael Rekoric, Sunny Kunche, Madison, Emily Jones, Syam Kowshik,
Nadiya and Yulia Ivajenko, Annabelle, Thomas L. Azare, Brian and Marissa Kellums,
Stephanie Webb and family, Matt Spevak and family, Ruth Fawcett and family

We pray for the repose of the soul of William H. Fawcett,
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.



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.

Assisting Those in Crisis: Old Stone Church's Resource Navigator

Old Stone Church has created a new Resource Navigator position that connects those experiencing crisis to necessary community resources every Monday, Wednesday, and the third Sunday of every month from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please email renee@oldstonechurch.org to schedule an appointment to meet.

@ Old Stone Church

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

Thursday October 17

7:00PM FPS Directors Meeting/ ZOOM

Sunday October 27

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

1:00PM Browns/Ravens

Tuesday October 29

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

Wednesday October 30

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday November 3 All Saints Sunday/Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/
Cuyahoga Room/Second Floor

1:00PM Browns/Chargers



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:75 Online:229

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<p>Mail to: Old Stone Church Attn: Financial Office 91 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44113</p>	<p>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.</p>

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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*

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