



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 10, 2024
 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

How Glory Goes

Adam Guettel
 Stephen Mitchell Brown, *tenor*

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

Introit for Reformation

Kurt J. Eggert

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
 Therefore, will we not fear though the earth be removed and though
 The mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.
 God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.
 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.
 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are anxious or burdened.
This is a time to experience good news.

This is God's house, and we can meet God here.

We are brought together in the family of God.

Come with expectancy and anticipation.

God is present to greet you and change your life.

We are here to remember the ministry of Jesus.

We have come to be equipped for our ministry.

In our eager waiting, there is fullness of joy.

In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in vain.

Unless we view our city as God's own, there is emptiness here.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

In the security of your love, mighty God, it is well with us.

Our work is fulfilling,

our relationships reflect your faithfulness,

and our ability to trust is strengthened.

We are here, seeking an extra measure of reassurance,

the restoration of our best selves

and the clarification of our responsibilities.

You are the builder in whose hands

the church can become a community of joy and fulfillment.

You keep watch over us,

strengthening us to be the church wherever we live and serve.

Be known to us now and save all who eagerly await your word.

Amen.

* HYMN #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Marty Vassel

At our best, we long to be whole people
whose words and deeds are a reflection of the truth within us.
We want to be free of pretense
and alive to the wonders that we encounter in other people
and in all of God's creation.
God is ready to cleanse and heal us as we confess our sin.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.
Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All-wise God,
you know how much we enjoy being honored above others,
and how often we resent the special respect others receive.
You are aware of the short-cuts we take for our own advantage.
You see the ways we pretend to be more than we are.
You observe not only our actions but our motives as well.
We need your help to put away all that is false
and to discover our true identity as your children.
Lift us up in your forgiving love, we pray.**

(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

Those who truly repent of the lies they have lived
are welcomed as next of kin by Jesus Christ.
The authentic, self-giving spirit of one who was fully human
is ours to embrace.

The witness of a life lived for the common good
inspires us to rise up to the best we can be.
We are forgiven, freed from the burden of our sin.

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 love 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.

We are privileged to contribute out of our abundance that the Christian message might be proclaimed among us and to our children. We are challenged to give all that we have—our time, our talents, our work, and our leisure as witness to the love of God. The extent to which we invest ourselves is a measure of our commitment. 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

Marty Vassel

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We give in the spirit of Jesus,
whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love, gracious God.
May our lives give evidence that we understand
the care and compassion you have for all people,
near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor.
Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts
we now invest in the work of your realm that is forever,
with beginnings among us now.
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

**By the power of your Holy Spirit
startle us with your Word, O God,
and awaken us to your truth,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

Ruth 3:1-5;4:13-17 (Inclusive Bible)

One day, Naomi said to Ruth, "My daughter, it's my duty to ensure your security and fulfillment, and make sure you are provided for. And Boaz, whose workers you have been following, is our closest relative. Tonight he'll be winnowing grain on the threshing floor. Wash up and put on perfume and dress in your finest clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor. But don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. When he goes to sleep, watch to see where he lies down. Then go and 'uncover his feet' and lie down with him. He'll tell you what to do next."

Ruth replied, "I will do as you tell me."

So Ruth and Boaz were married. And from their union, YHWH enabled Ruth to conceive and she gave birth to a child. Then the women of the village said to Naomi, "Praise be YHWH, who has not abandoned you but provided you with yet another redeemer! May the child's name be remembered through all of Israel—and give you renewed life and support you when you are old! For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who has proven better than seven of your own children could ever have been, has given birth to him." Naomi took the child into her lap and she became his caretaker. And Naomi's neighbors named the child, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi; we will call him Obed." And Obed beget Jesse—and Jesse beget David.

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

With God's help we are listening.

In his teaching, Jesus said, “Beware of the religious scholars who like to walk about in long robes, be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, and take the front seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. These are the ones who swallow the property of widows and offer lengthy prayers for the sake of appearance. They will be judged all the more severely.”

Jesus sat down opposite the collection box and watched the people putting money in it, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then Jesus called out to the disciples and said to them, “The truth is, this woman has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have put in money from their surplus, but she has put in everything she possessed from the little she had—all she had to live on.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
“Hospitality, Enemies and Family”



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 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 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,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Lay aside the bread of anxious toil.

Give your best with joy, with Christ as your partner.

Our lives are restored to the balance God intends.

Our work and our play become offerings to God.

What God builds among us is of lasting value.

In the love of God, we guard the best that is in us.

Our prayers keep strong our connection with God.

They are not empty words for the sake of appearance.

Salvation is here for those who are eager to receive it.

Forgiveness and healing are freely given to us.

We are thankful for the days God gives us.

We rejoice in the good things we are receiving.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “*Old Hundredth*”

Fred Bock

*“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:

Rev. Donald Oglesby, Darlene, Barbara Yoost, Francis Sequeira, Clayton Rohrer, Shirley Daly, Barbara Haynes, Hannah Reid, Kimberly Williams, Amy Wheeler, Shelley Wheeler, Madison, Olivia Costa, Cathy Clegg, Beka, Linda White, the Oglesby family, the Warfel family

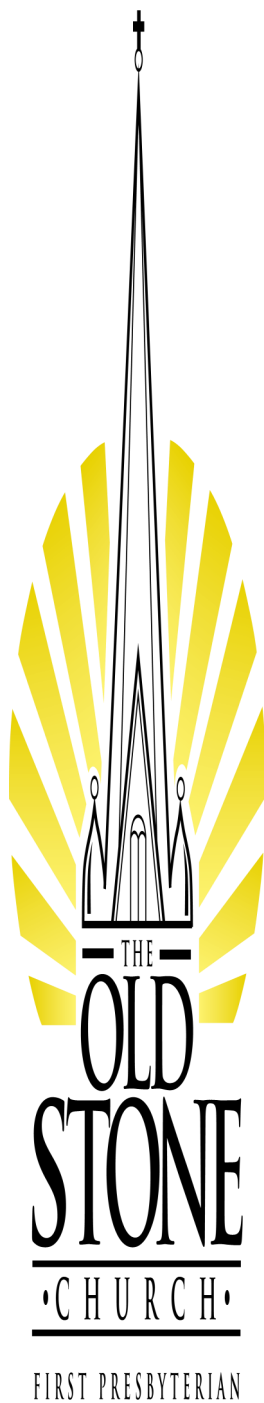
We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

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.



Sunday November 10

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

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

11:30AM Deacons Meeting/Conference Room/First Floor

1:00PM Journey of the Soul-Pastor Stephen/Memorial Hall

Tuesday November 12

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

Wednesday November 13

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

7:00PM Romans: A Letter for Today/ZOOM

Thursday November 14

2:00PM Worship Committee Meeting/ZOOM

Sunday November 17

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday November 19

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

Wednesday November 20

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

7:00PM Romans: A Letter for Today/ZOOM

Sunday November 24 Harvest Table

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Called Congregation Meeting/Congregational Nominating

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

11:30AM Greening of the Sanctuary

Tuesday November 26

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

Wednesday November 27

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

7:00PM Romans: A Letter for Today/ZOOM

Thursday November 28 Thanksgiving Day

Building/Offices Closed

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:77 Online:246

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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*

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