



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 24, 2024
REIGN OF CHRIST
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

The Lord Reigns

Eugene Butler
Albert Donze, *bass*

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ricky Smith R.A.K.E.

INTROIT

I Will Worship the Lord

John Rutter

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the light of the morning!

Give thanks for the sun's energy, even through clouds!

God has spoken to us and meets us here.

We live in covenant with the Eternal One.

Gather in the spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear!

Thank God for truth that lives in spite of death!

We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ.

We seek to share the good news that Christ reigns.

The Spirit encounters us here that we might learn.

The Spirit inspires us that we might serve.

God anoints us for ministry, giving us tasks to do.

God's word is on our tongues, that the world may believe.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Speak to us, eternal God,

through the representatives you anoint to proclaim your Word.

Grant that all in authority will speak truthfully,

rule justly, and serve selflessly.

Find your dwelling place today, not just in this sanctuary,

but in our hearts and lives, and not just today, but every day.

Clothe your priests with faithfulness

and all your faithful people with garments of joy.

May we know your grace and peace as we honor your majesty,

bowing in awe before the One who was, and is, and is to come.

Amen.

* HYMN #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

DUKE STREET
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Ted Sawicki

Do our lives reflect the love of God revealed in Jesus?
 Is the rule of Christ among us our central concern?
 Do we daily join in ministry, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ?
 This is our call and our duty, for which we must give account.
 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

**Loving God,
we confess that we have been more like thorn bushes
than oaks of righteousness.
We sometimes repel rather than attract others to the gospel.
Pride and deceit fill our days more than grace and peace.
We tire of satisfying the poor with bread
and upholding the covenant and decrees you have offered us.
We turn away from your Anointed One,
questioning his role in history and his relevance for us.
We admit that our inner faith battles
are often the screen we use to keep from facing our sin,
admitting our guilt, and seeking reconciliation.
Open our eyes, heal our open wounds,
and embrace us in your love that we might be forgiven.**
(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

God is Alpha and Omega,
the source and the ending of all that is and yet will be. You are known.
You are loved.
You are forgiven.
Enter the realm, which is not of this world,
the community that acknowledges God's rule in all things.
Know that you belong to the truth that comes from God.
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. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of truth,
move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts
that we might hear your voice and live,
for we long to be glad servants
of your hidden, holy reign.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle

Revelation 1:4b-8 (Inclusive Bible)

Grace and peace to you, from the One who is, who was, and who is to come, from the seven spirits before the throne and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, sovereign of the rulers of the earth.

To Christ—who loves us, and who has freed us from our sins by the shedding of blood, and who has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Creator—to Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

Look! Christ is coming on the clouds
for every eye to see,
even those who pierced Jesus,
and all the peoples of the earth will mourn over Christ.

So be it! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says our God, “who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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

With God's help we are listening.

Gospel

John 18:33-37 (Inclusive Bible)

So Pilate reentered the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. “Are you the King of the Jews?” asked Pilate. Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or have others told you about me?” Pilate replied, “Am I Jewish? It is your own people and the chief priests who hand you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My realm is not of this world; if it belonged to this world, my people would have fought to keep me out of the hands of the Temple authorities. No, my realm is not of this world.” Pilate said, “So you’re a King?” Jesus replied, “You say I’m a King. I was born and came into the world for one purpose—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who seeks the truth hears my voice.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
“Prince of Peace”



* THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Grace to you and peace from God Almighty.
May love and freedom be yours in Jesus Christ.

We receive the gifts of God's grace and peace.

We rejoice in the freedom to love as Jesus loved.

Let the Spirit of God speak through you today.

Let God's word be on your tongue through the week.

We are not ashamed to share the gospel.

We want to be caring and kind in all our talk.

Live the good news that you have received.

Be guided by the One who rules for all eternity.

We are here to testify to truth in word and deed.

We will listen to God's Word for our instructions.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "*Ein Feste Burg*"

James Pethel

*"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:

Billy Augustus, Donna Sue Buchanan, Darlene, Francis Sequeira, Clayton Rohrer, Shirley Daly, Barbara Haynes, Hannah Reid, Kimberly Williams, Amy Wheeler, Shelley Wheeler, Madison, Olivia Costa, Cathy Clegg, Linda White, the Oglesby family, the Warfel family, the Daly and Hutchings families

We pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Donald C. Oglesby,
may his memory be a blessing.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Dennis Hutchings,
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.



The Giving Tree

Please take a moment to sign up for an Essential Christmas Gift for the residents of Front Steps Housing and Services. A table is set up outside the Chapel with a list of essential needs and gift tags of each resident for your gift bag.

Gift packages are due back by Sunday December 8, 2024

@ Old Stone Church

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

Thursday November 28 Thanksgiving Day

Building/Offices Closed

Friday November 29

Building/Offices Closed

Saturday November 30 WinterLand/Public Square

4:00PM-7:00PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

Sunday December 1 Advent I

9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery

10:00AM Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday December 3

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

Wednesday December 4

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

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



Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:70 Online:251

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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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