



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

APRIL 7, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER WITH COMMUNION  
10 AM Sanctuary Worship

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Violin Sonata in E Minor, K. 304, *Allegro*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Andrew Sords, *Violin*

WELCOME

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

The Lord is risen, alleluia!  
 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for God's love has no end.  
 The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song, God has been my Savior.  
 I shall not die, I shall live. I shall live and recount God's deeds.

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season.  
 Gather once more to testify to life.

**We declare to each other what we have experienced.  
 In community we find the life God intends.**

Early believers were of one heart and soul.  
 We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

**How very good and pleasant it is,  
 When kindred live together in unity.**

Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection.  
 Christ is with us to renew our faith.

**We are here to testify to God's grace.  
 We will share our story and ourselves.**

## \* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**You pour out upon us the oil of gladness, Gracious God,  
 as we gather in the name of our risen Saviour.  
 You have given us the Word of Life;  
 we have heard and seen your greatest of all gifts  
 and testify to that experience by our presence here.  
 Let Jesus Christ be known among us,  
 in our conversation and in our prayers.  
 May our thoughts center on the message  
 that the light has come to chase away the shadows,  
 community has been born to remove our isolation,  
 joy has been heaped upon us that we might share it with the world.  
 Amen.**

## \* HYMN #254

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the  
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which  
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.  
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852, alt.  
 MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
 LM  
 (alternate harmonization, 67)

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Dorothy Banauch

Life with eternity in it is God's present gift to us.  
 We have heard it, but we are slow to believe.  
 We have received it, but we are slow to trust.  
 It is ours to enjoy, but we have not lived it.  
 Let us discuss the matter with our Creator.  
 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

**We have taken the name Christian,  
but few of us are known primarily by that name.  
We have experienced Easter radiance,  
but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior.  
We have heard the message of salvation,  
but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives.  
Sometimes we delude ourselves that,  
because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us.  
We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
Sin is separation from you,  
and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls  
to keep you out of our lives.  
Forgive us, we pray.**

*(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

John wrote to the early church:  
If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.  
If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us.  
Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sin.  
When we are of one with God through Christ,  
we extend forgiveness to our sisters and brothers,  
that all may come to faith and have life in Jesus' name.  
**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 #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

Please be seated:

Among the first Christians,  
there were no needy people because those who were rich  
brought their resources to be shared.

They gave up their advantages so the needs of all could be met.  
Out of the rich legacy they have passed on to us,  
we bring our tithes and offerings in thanksgiving for all God's gifts.  
The offering will now be received.

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)*

Dale Wood

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice; Glory to God in the highest!  
O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice; Praise to the Lord in the highest.  
The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we; Glory to God in the highest!  
The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be; Praise to the Lord in the highest!  
O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise; Glory to God in the highest!  
To honor his Name thankful voices we raise; Praise to the Lord in the highest!  
For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure; Glory to God in the highest!  
To all generations his truth shall endure; Glory to God! Praise to the Lord in the highest!

\* 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

Dorothy Banauch

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We offer to you our common stewardship, loving God.  
We want to be faithful in meeting one another's needs  
and in serving the world in Christ's name.  
The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving.  
We sense that you are sending us, as Jesus was sent,  
to share light with the world.  
Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering.  
May life and faith be extended to many through us.  
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 who doubt and believe,  
by the gift of your Spirit  
enable us to hear with our ears,  
to see with our eyes,  
and to touch with our hands  
your Word of life—Jesus Christ—  
our Lord and our God.  
Amen.**

## THE READINGS

Epistle

Acts 4:32-35 (NRSVUE)

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**With God's help we are listening.**

Gospel

John 20:19-31 (NRSVUE)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

"Not Just Another Locked Room Mystery"



# WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

\* HYMN# 242

*Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

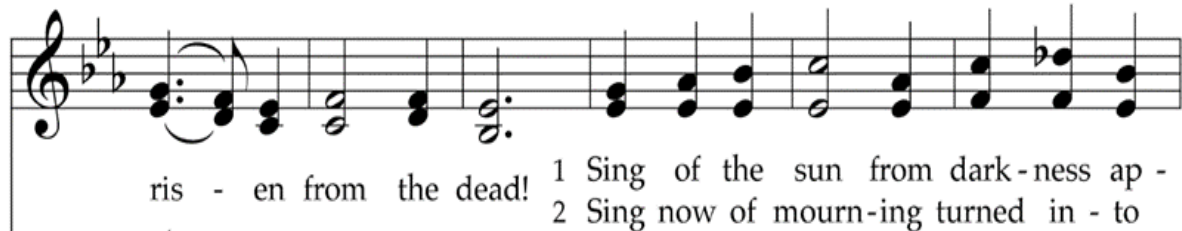
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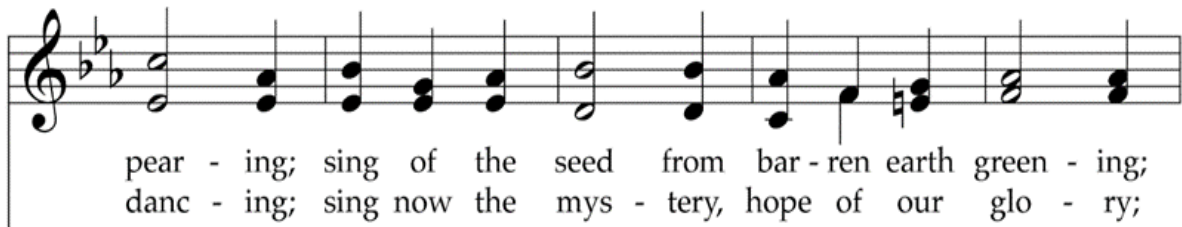
Day of de-light and beau-ty un-bound-ed, tell the news, the



gos-pel spread! Day of all won-der, day of all splen-dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! 1 Sing of the sun from dark-ness ap -  
2 Sing now of mourn-ing turned in - to



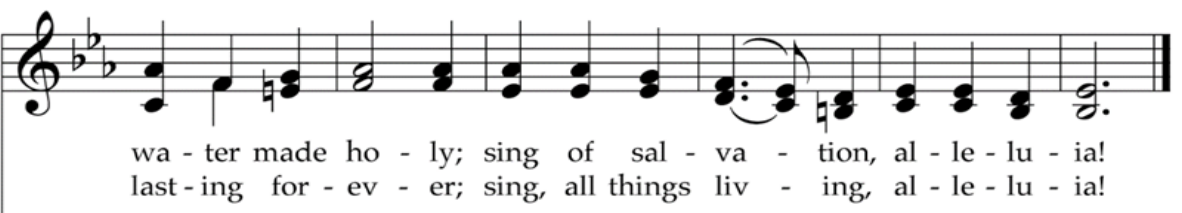
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - tery, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



\* INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
At this table we are with our crucified and risen Lord.  
We know that it was not only our ancestors,  
but we who were redeemed  
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,  
from mourning to feasting.  
We know that as he was with them in the upper room  
so our Lord is here with us now.  
Come join him at the table he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

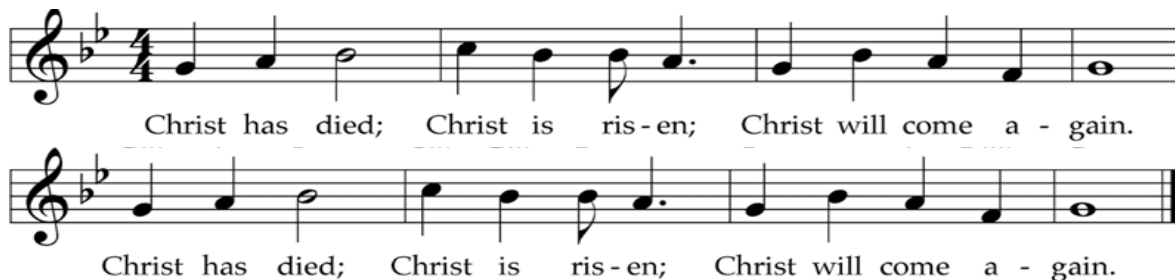
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray: It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise,  
Lord God of heaven and earth, because you are continually renewing  
Your work of creation and transforming it to show  
Your glory through resurrection.  
With Your touch You formed us from the dust of the earth.  
You raised your people from slavery in Egypt;  
You bound them to You through Your covenant on Sinai;  
and You made yourself known to them in exile and the Promised Land.  
In the cross of Jesus You take into Yourself the scars of our sin,  
and in his resurrected body you invite us to touch the wounds of Your love.  
And so with all the saints of every time and place  
we sing the hymn of unending praise:

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Jesus Christ, the risen One, is ever with us.  
 Into the closed rooms of our lives, he comes, breathing Spirit's peace;  
 using grace and hope,  
 he picks the locked doors of our hearts that he might be with us;  
 showing us his hands and side,  
 he reminds us that death can no more cling to us,  
 than it did to him, for you will never abandon us.  
 As we believe, though we have not seen;  
 as we rejoice in that living hope which is ours;  
 we speak of faith, that mystery more precious than gold:  
 we praise you for the mystery of our faith:



**\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

On this day we praise our God for the dying which destroyed our death,  
 and we pray for our world in need of life.

We pray for the Church...

*Time for silent prayer*

Let Your Church be a living sign of the woundedness and healing of Christ,  
 sharing the gift of forgiveness and the gospel of reconciliation.

Give us, here at Old Stone Church: a vision of the common good:  
 not clinging to our own possessions but seeking the fullness of life  
 for all as a testimony to Christ's resurrection.

In Your mercy...

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the World...

*Time for silent prayer*

Help us to see the scars of death that mark Your good creation,  
 and to seek the blessing of life that You offer to all creatures.

Show us how good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity,  
 and anoint us with Your wisdom so that we may see the ways of life.

In Your mercy...

**Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need of healing, in body, mind or spirit:

*Time for silent prayer*

We pray for: Janie Chambers, Regis Bookshar, Kathleen, Frank Macuga,  
 Lee Rutti, Joe Geraci, Ken Moser, Katelynn and Liam Fawcett, Laurie Thomson,  
 Katherine Gilmore Maynard, Diane Priscilla,  
 Sharon Steranko, Aaron Beard, Connor

In Your mercy...

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves...

May our lives be a visible sign of Christ's life so that others may come to believe that the Lord is risen indeed.

In Your mercy...

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

\* PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Forgiving God, your Son's disciples covered behind locked doors; and yet in him you visited them on the evening of resurrection and breathed on them the Spirit of peace.

Breathe that Holy Spirit upon us now,

that your church may know the power of your forgiveness

and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us

the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ;



Let us now pray the prayer that unites all Christians:

**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.**

\* THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord took bread, and having given thanks, he broke it saying,

“This is my body which is given for you.

Take eat, do this in remembrance of me”

In the same manner after supper our lord took the cup,

and having given thanks he gave it to his disciples saying,

“This is the cup of a new covenant sealed in my blood which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

All of you drink it.”

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup

we show forth our Lord's death until he comes again.

These are holy things, to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God.

**Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please partake of the elements as you receive them,  
and then place the cup back into the tray.

You may then light a candle in petition of prayer  
or in remembrance.

Starting from the back of the sanctuary  
you are invited to come forward at this time.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

O FILII ET FILIAE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;  
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet;  
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION:

**Eternal God: As the weak realize their strength;  
as the poor eat and are satisfied,  
Your love abides in us.**

**As the stranger finds a friend;  
as the family offers forgiveness,  
Your love abides in us.**

**Let us go into the world with a love that moves us into life,  
into justice, into grace, and to love others before they love us.  
Amen.**



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

You are sent into the world as a sign of God's love.  
Go forth, carrying God's peace to all you meet.

**We will live in unity with our kindred;  
We will listen and speak as God guides us.**

You are commissioned as a bearer of God's forgiveness.  
Announce good news, sharing your testimony.

**It will be our joy to reconcile others to God.  
We will extend to them the fellowship of light.**

The grace of Jesus Christ has been poured out on you.  
God ordains a blessing for you: life forevermore.

**Our fears are unlocked; our faith is renewed.  
We will invite our neighbors to share the joy.**

As you have feasted at the table at God's invitation,  
go into the world renewed and restored.  
Go into the world to share the Good News  
that there is a place for everyone at God's banquet table.  
Go into the world to share God's bounty.

And may the peace of the Risen Christ be with you this day and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Violin Sonata, Op. 12, No. 1, *Rondo*

Ludwig van Beethoven

*“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:**

Janie Chambers, Regis Bookshar, Kathleen, Frank Macuga, Lee Rutti, Joe Geraci,  
Ken Moser, Katelynn and Liam Fawcett, Laurie Thomson, Katherine Gilmore Maynard,  
Diane Priscilla, Sharon Steranko, Aaron Beard, Connor

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.*



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



If you are interested in joining and learning about this diverse congregation in the heart of Cleveland, Old Stone Church is offering a New Members Retreat on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 11AM- 3PM. Please contact the office to make reservations.



### **@ Old Stone Church**

#### **Sunday April 7/Second Sunday of Easter**

**10:00AM** Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

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

#### **Monday April 8/ Total Solar Eclipse**

**5:10PM** Guardians Home Opener

#### **Wednesday April 10**

**12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

#### **Thursday April 11**

**2:00PM** Worship Committee/ZOOM

#### **Sunday April 14/Third Sunday of Easter**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:15AM** Communion/Chapel

**1:10PM** Guardians/Yankees

**Last Sunday Attendance** In-Person:210 Online:350

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**Parish Associate:** Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

**Minister of Music:** David L. Dettloff

**The Old Stone Singers**

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Margaret Raupp, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

**Church Elders:**

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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Fred Heider  
Bernard Medie  
Bob Reid

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Dave Finley  
Robert Hubert Jr.

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Melissa Maffia  
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