

THE OLD STONE CHURCH

MAY 19, 2024
Day of Pentecost with Communion

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE I Will Sing With the Spirit John Rutter

WELCOME Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

MINUTE FOR MISSION Edie Horvat

INTROIT Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire
VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire; thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our mortal sight.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one, that through the ages all along this may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

^{*} Those who are able are requested to stand

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together. Will the works of God be known among us today?

We live in the valley of dry bones. Around and within us is emptiness.

God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind. Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

> There are stirrings deep within that give us hope. There is a Spirit linking us to one another.

The fires of love dispel life's shadows. God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

Surely God is in this place! May the glory of God be known among us today!

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

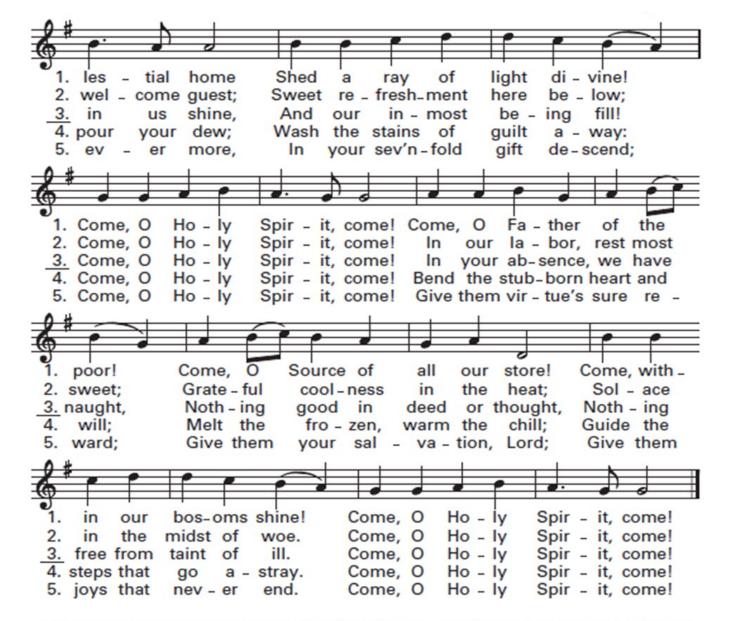
Amazing God, how manifold are your works!
The earth is full of life you have created,
in forms too numerous to count.
You have linked us, your people,
to the earth and to all living things.
We are interdependent.
We can survive only if we have reverence for life.
Come among us now to make your ways known.
Help us to dream dreams
and see visions of your intentions for this world and for your church.
Amen.

* HYMN

Come, O Holy Spirit

Owen Alstott





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* CALL TO CONFESSION

John Wheeler

Like the first disciples,

we have much to learn about sin and righteousness and judgment.

Almost without conscious awareness,

we slip into the valley of dry bones,

devoid of meaning and hope,

unable even to pray.

But together we can join our voices,

asking that our spirits will awaken to new possibilities.

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

When your face is hidden from us, mighty God, we forget that there is more to life than the daily pursuits that occupy our attention.

We are weak because we have not tapped the resources you place within us.

We are engaged only by what we can see and touch and hear.

Our frantic self-centeredness dries up our bones and we lose hope.

Call us out of the graves in which we have chosen to live, the deep ruts that keep us from knowing the fullness of life you reveal when we welcome your Spirit.

(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

In hope we are saved.
The Spirit helps us in our weakness,
intercedes for us, and guides us into all truth.
God seeks to restore us to the fullness of life,
to offer us hope, to assure us of our worth and value.
Feel the flames of God's love resting on us,
empowering us to love and serve in Christ's 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.

God has given us food in due season,

opening a kind and loving hand to fill us with good things.

The face of the ground is continually renewed each year so we can reap its bounty.

Likewise, our spirits are renewed.

Our offerings are but a small expression of thanks.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Offertory John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,

shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, Oʻman; He has shown yoʻu what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God.

* 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

John Wheeler

Let us join our voices in prayer:

How manifold are your works, amazing God!

When there are dry-bones times in our lives,

we can look to you for new breath and hope and renewal of life.

Your Spirit comes, and we are lifted up and linked to one another.

We bring our offerings

as an expression of thanksgiving for all your gifts.

May your glory be proclaimed in all we give and all we do when we are together and when we scatter to do your will in other places.

Amen.

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE All Things Come of Thee Herk

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:

Holy Spirit, come again.
as long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused people,
come to us now to
fill our ears with the sound of your breath,
fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other,

fill our hearts with your good Word.

Amen.

THE READINGS

Epistle Acts 2: 1-21(NRSVUE)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

With God's help we are listening.

Gospel

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15 (NRSVUE)

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine.

For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

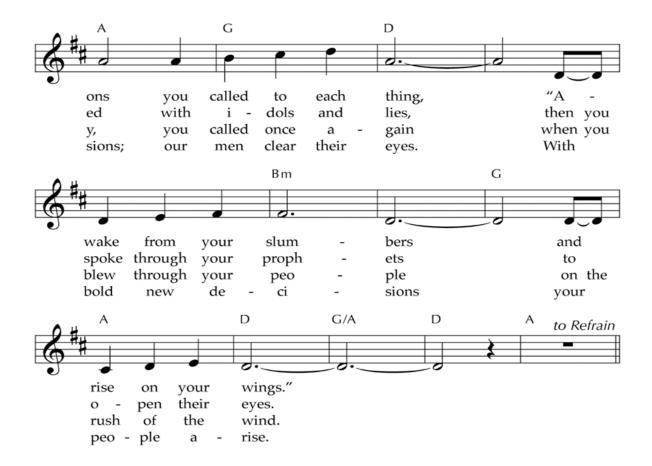
Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

"Holy Speaking, Holy Listening, Holy Loving"



WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH





* INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south

and from east and west to sit at table in the Kindom of God.

According to Luke,

when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,

he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

This is the Table of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that 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.

It is always good that we give you thanks, O God,

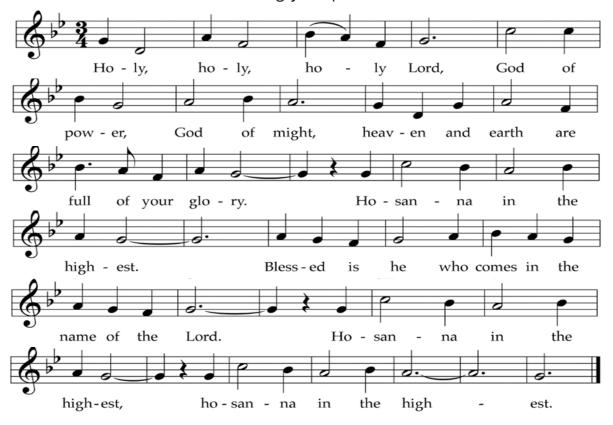
for you sent your Holy Spirit into our midst,

the Spirit of wisdom and might,

who brings us into communion with you and with one another.

And so, with all the people of God in every age, we praise you for the power of the resurrection to set us free from divisions and strife, and with angels and archangels, with earth, water, fire, and air, and with all your creatures, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:



Blessed are you, O God,

by whose word all things came into being,

whose power brings the dead to life,

whose breath undergirds our prayers, and whose love for rich diversity amazes and astonishes your people.

Blessed are you, O Christ, Word made flesh,

who came to us as prophet, brother, and savior.

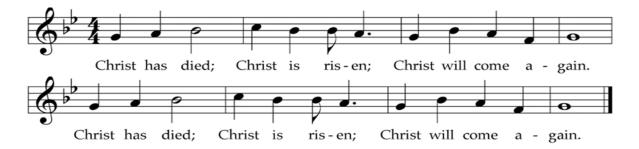
We thank you for your life among the multitudes,

preaching, teaching, feeding, healing,

lifting up the ones who falter

and calling the powerful to righteousness.

Remembering our Lord's command to remember him, his wisdom, and his sacrifice, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We pray for all in need of healing, whether it be in body, mind, or spirit... Debbie Carrick, Eli Justice, Regis Bookshar, Kathleen, Frank Macuga, Lee Rutti, Joe Geraci, Laurie Thomson, Katherine Gilmore Maynard, Diane Priscilla, Sharon Steranko, Conor, Ray Alford, JoAnn Hood.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Aaron Beard, may his memory be a blessing.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior has taught us:

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.

(Please be seated)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We remember that on the night he was betrayed, having gathered his friends at the table, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam hamotzi lekhem min ha'aretz.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

And again, after supper, he took the cup and gave it for all to drink, saying:

Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

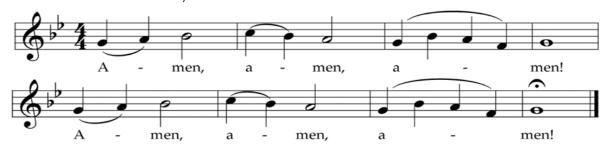
Do this for the remembrance of me.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Blessed are you, O Spirit, poured out upon your people to open our hearts, to pray within us, to teach us hope.

Through this broken bread, show us life abundant.

Break us, as well, so that with your gifts, we may tend your earth and feed the hungry, giving thanks for all that nourishes this blessed creation, now and forever.



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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Jubilant Praise

Mark Hayes

Lord of life and Lord of love, blessed spirit that comes from above, source of our music and infinite song, all of our praise to thee belong. O may we lift our hearts to thee, joined with our voices in harmony. Echoing ever jubilant praise, age to age, alleluia!

All of our praise to thee belong.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God * HYMN #286 **TRENTHAM** 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new, 2 Breathe on me, Breath God, of un - til my heart is pure, 3 Breathe on me, Breath God, till Ι am whol - ly thine, of 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall Ι nev - er die. that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. un - til with thee will one will, to do and Ι to en - dure. un - til this earth - ly me glows with thy fire part of di - vine. but live with thee the life of thine e - ter - ni - ty. per - fect

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888 TRENTHAM

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* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God's Spirit is being poured out on this church. We carry it with us into our everyday world.

> With joy and amazement, we scatter to serve. God's love is changing us and granting new life.

Our children will share new insights. People of all ages will dream and see visions.

> God is inspiring us in fresh ways. We are filled with hope for each new day.

The Spirit will help us in our weakness. We will be guided in all truth.

> Each day we will practice what we are learning. Throughout our days we will continue in prayer.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

March for Joyous Occasions C. Alexander Peloquin

"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:

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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.

National Mental Health Awareness Month

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month and the Mission and Urban Wellness Committee is planning on having a Minute for Mission each Sunday in May to address The Old Stone Church's support of mental health issues.

The Mission and Urban Wellness Committee has supported NAMI's Walk for Awareness at the Platinum level.



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday May 19/ Day of Pentecost / Communion

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

Monday May 20

6:30PM Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM

Wednesday May 22

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday May 26/ Trinity Sunday

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Communion/Chapel

Monday May 27/ Memorial Day

Building and Offices Closed

Tuesday May28

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

Wednesday May 29

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Saturday June 1/ Pride in CLE

9:00AM Open Doors

Sunday June 2/ Pride Sunday/ Communion

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15AM Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/ Cuyahoga Room/ Second Floor

11:30AM Deacons Meeting/ Conference Room/ First Floor **1:10PM** Guardians/Nationals

4:00PM Celebrity Chef/ Rocco Whalen/ Memorial Hall

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oldstonechurch.org/giving/	Text the keyword "oldstonecle" to 73256	
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The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, soprano Cicely Schonberg, soprano Val Sibila, soprano lan Atwood, *tenor* Stephen Brown, *tenor* Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto* Margaret Raupp, *alto* Elizabeth Rickel, *alto* R. Dominic Aragon, bass Christopher Clark, bass Albert Donze, bass

Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Michelle Baron	Dorothy Baunach	Beth Buchanan
Janie Chambers	Willie Brown	Judy Macuga
Fred Heider	David Eifert	Melissa Maffia
Bernard Medie	Dave Finley	Harriet Niles
Bob Reid	Robert Hubert Jr.	Marty Vassel
	Church Deacons:	
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Scott Bailey	Valorie Hempstead	Mark Corey
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John Wheeler		Charlene Thornton

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