



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

MAY 26, 2024  
TRINITY SUNDAY  
10AM 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 Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lisa Dellafiora

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart,  
in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.

We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever, one-in-three and three-in-one.  
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to God glory and strength;  
Worship God in holy splendor.

**The splendor of our Creator meets us here.**

**We are filled with awe before our God.**

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.  
God offers strength and peace to all people.

**God's voice thunders over the waters.**

**God's strength empowers our response.**

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

**The universe is God's dwelling place.**

**There is no place from which God is absent.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**O God, you are beyond our wildest imagining.**

**When we speak of you,**

**there are no words to describe your majesty and power.**

**We know you best in Jesus of Nazareth**

**who shared your love with all he met.**

**He called for our rebirth as your children,**

**cleansed by water and the spirit.**

**We come together seeking renewal**

**of the vows made at our baptism.**

**We want to be faithful as Christ was faithful.**

**We want to be fruitful in the work you give us to do.**

**Bless our worship that we may be a blessing to others.**

**Amen.**

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

Amy Wheeler

In the midst of a time of grieving,  
the prophet Isaiah went to the temple to pray.  
There he had a vision of God's majesty,  
that moved him to recognize his unworthiness and sin.  
Sometimes we think we have nothing to confess,  
until we are confronted by the awesome presence  
of the Creator of all things.  
In awe before God, we come to seek forgiveness and reconciliation.  
Let our individual confessions be gathered up in the confessions of the church.  
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

**God of all worlds,  
we confess that we are too much people of the flesh,  
living in slavery to our possessions and our fears.  
We are so attached to our little corner of the world  
that we find it difficult to identify with people  
whose experience is far different from our own.  
We do not want to suffer with the homeless,  
the hungry, the refugees, the oppressed.  
We turn away from the suffering of Jesus  
to pursue temporary advantages.  
We act like just another human organization,  
not the body of Christ making a difference in the world.  
O God, forgive us and reclaim us as your children.**

*(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

God always claims us and loves us.  
When we confess our lostness and seek new birth in the Spirit,  
putting to death our selfish pursuits,  
we can receive what God always offers, participation in God's realm.  
We are born anew to life which already partakes of eternity.  
The cleansing coals of forgiveness touch our lips,  
taking away our guilt and blotting out our sin.  
Receive this gift 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 #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.

As a sign of our rebirth in the Spirit,

we offer back to God all that we have received in this life.

This time of giving is a sacred symbol of our intent to live as God intends.

We lift up our tiny tokens of thanksgiving,

entrusting to the ministry of this church,

here and around the world,

not only these gifts but ourselves as well.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,  
But have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,  
But that the world through Him might be saved.

\* 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

Amy Wheeler

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Receive our offering, God of glory,**

**that our church may come alive in the Spirit.**

**May these gifts, and the way we live our lives each day,**

**proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**Strengthen us in our giving.**

**Help us to be generous enough to experience the joy you find**

**in showering us with more than we can ever give away.**

**Thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ.**

**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

**Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;  
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.  
Draw us into communion,  
enable us to love,  
conspire to make us one with You  
for the world You so deeply love. Amen.**

## THE READINGS

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17 (Inclusive Bible)

Therefore, we are under an obligation, my sisters and brothers— but not to the flesh or to live according to the flesh. If you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if you live by the Spirit, you will put to death the evil deeds of the body and you will live. Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. For the spirit that God has given you does not enslave you and trap you in fear: instead, through the Spirit God has adopted you as children, and by the Spirit we cry out, “Abba!” God’s Spirit joins with our spirit to declare that we are God’s children. And if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing in Christ’s suffering and sharing in Christ’s glory.

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

**With God’s help we are listening.**



A certain Pharisee named Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, came to Jesus at night. “Rabbi,” he said, “we know you are a teacher come from God, for no one can perform the signs and wonders you do, unless by the power of God.” Jesus gave Nicodemus this answer, “The truth of the matter is, unless one is born from above, one cannot see the Kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said, “How can an adult be born a second time? I can’t go back into my mother’s womb to be born again.” Jesus replied, “The truth of the matter is, no one can enter God’s Kingdom without being born of water and the Spirit. What is born of flesh is flesh; what is born of the Spirit is Spirit. So don’t be surprised when I tell you that must be born from above. The wind blows where it will. You hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” “How can this be possible?” asks Nicodemus. Jesus replied, “You’re a teacher of Israel, yet you still don’t understand these matters?

“The truth of the matter is, we’re talking about what we know; we’re testifying about what we’ve seen—yet you don’t accept our testimony. If you don’t believe when I tell you about earthly things, how will you believe when I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the One who came down from heaven—the Chosen One. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so the Chosen One must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in the Chosen One might have eternal life.

“Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Only Begotten One, that whoever believes may not die, but have eternal life.

“God sent the Only Begotten into the world not to condemn the world, but that through the Only Begotten the world might be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams  
“God’s Divine Dance”

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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.**



We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Together, we catch a glimpse of God's glory.  
Scattered, we carry that vision into the world.

**We need courage to live what we have seen.**

**We need confidence to pass on the joy.**

God offers strength for our journey.  
God blesses us with peace amid the world's tensions.

**We are people of the Spirit, released from slavery.**

**We are children of God, bearing witness every day.**

God asks: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?  
Who will tell of my love for all the world?"

**God has touched our lips and our hearts.**

**We dare to say: "Here am I; send me!"**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

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:**

Debbie Carrick, Eli Justice, Regis Bookshar, Kathleen, Frank Macuga, Lee Rutti,  
Joe Geraci, Laurie Thomson, Katherine Gilmore Maynard, Diane Priscilla,  
Chelsea and Kyle, Sharon Steranko, Jan, Conor, Ray Alford, JoAnn Hood

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.

### 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.

### **Celebrity Chef with Rocco Whalen Returns to Old Stone Church Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4 p.m.**

Old Stone Church's Celebrity Chef, presented by our Welcoming & Fellowship Committee, returns on Sunday, June 2nd, with Fahrenheit's Rocco Whalen, who will be presenting a signature dish of seared spicy scallops with summer cucumber salad, citrus relish, and arugula. Wine will be offered.

This special ticketed event starts at 4 p.m. in Memorial Hall at Old Stone Church. Admission is \$20, and all proceeds support Old Stone Church. Scholarships are available.

To reserve your tickets, please email our Welcoming & Fellowship committee member Pam Daly by emailing [pjdaly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pjdaly@sbcglobal.net)

### **@ Old Stone Church**

**Sunday May 26/ Trinity Sunday**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:15AM** Communion/Chapel

**Monday May 27/ Memorial Day**

**Building and Offices Closed**

**Tuesday May 28**

**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



There are many ways to support The Old Stone Church

<p>Online Giving:  <a href="http://oldstonechurch.org/giving/">oldstonechurch.org/giving/</a></p>	<p>Mobile Giving:          Text the keyword “<b>oldstonecle</b>” to 73256</p>
<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>

All contributions are tax-deductible and will be appropriately acknowledged at year-end.

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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

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

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

**The Old Stone Quartet**

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Peter Wright, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

**Church Elders:**

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

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