

THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 2, 2024

PRIDE SUNDAY WITH COMMUNION

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude
Val Sibila, *Soprano*

Grey Grant

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

David Eifert

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.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, for your name is being called.
Beyond the range of human voices, God is calling.

**We have come to observe a sabbath time.
We have gathered to worship at God's command.**

Listen for the unfamiliar voice you have ignored.
Listen for the solemn charge God gives.

**We are called away from things we have pursued as gods.
Our iniquity has separated us from the one true God.**

Wonderful are the thoughts and works of God!
God's light is ready to shine in our hearts.

**Even clay jars can be open to the light.
May the power of light cleanse and heal us.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**Speak to us, O God for your servants are trying to listen.
Amid the noisy claimants for our attention,
our ears tingle at the prospect that you have a message for us.
Here we are, gathered that you might search us and know us.
We are wonderfully made in your image.
Inspire us to live up to that image.
Show us how to proclaim Jesus Christ in our daily decisions
so we can witness to your love
through deeds of kindness and words that empower.
Amen.**

* HYMN #510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

COME, SHARE THE LORD

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)
B^b F Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) (Asus)
F Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) (D) (A) (D)
C7 F C F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) (D) (Em) (A) (D)
B^b F Gm C F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
C7 F B^b C7 F

(1) No one is a strang-er here; ♪ ev - ery - one be - longs.
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
B^b C7 F Dm Gm7 Csus C

Find - ing our for - give-ness here, we in turn for-give all wrongs.
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break-ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

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COME, SHARE THE LORD
Irregular

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Melissa Maffia

By a strong hand,
we are summoned from our unfaithfulness to face our sins before God.
The One who listens and rescues gives us a solemn charge.
Do not try to hide from me the iniquity I already know.
Face up to your sin and let go of it.
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

**Before a word is on our tongues, O God, you know it completely.
Before we confess our broken vows, you are aware of them.
Our unfaithfulness to you and to people around us is evident to you.
You observe our sinful secrets and our blatant rebellion.
Nothing we say or do escapes your notice.
Test our sincerity now as we confess to you
our individual and shared wrongdoing and neglect.
Melt our hardness of heart
that we may be forgiven and cleansed from our iniquity.**
(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

The God who punishes blasphemy also forgives those sincerely repentant.
The God who is acquainted with all our ways
welcomes us into the light of knowledge of God's glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Let the life of Jesus be visible to others through you.
Stretch out your hand to help those who need a caring touch,
a kind word, some practical assistance.
What you give away will return to you as joy.

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:

We bring our offerings, not to win God's favor, but to express our thanks.

We give because we cannot truly live if we only receive.

It is our privilege to respond to God's mercy

by doing good with the resources entrusted to us.

Let us give with generosity and joy.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Glorious

Stephanie Mabey

There are times when you might feel aimless

and can't see the places where you belong.

But you will find that there is a purpose, it's been there within you all along.

And when you're near it, you can almost hear it.

It's like a symphony, just keep listening,

and pretty soon you'll start to figure out your part.

Everyone plays a piece and there are melodies, in each one of us. Oh, it's glorious.

And you will know how to let it ring out, as you discover who you are.

Others around you will start to wake up, to the sounds that are in their hearts.

It's so amazing what we're all creating.

It's like a symphony, just keep listening,

and pretty soon you'll start to figure out your part.

Everyone plays a piece and there are melodies, in each one of us.

Oh, it's glorious.

* 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

Melissa Maffia

Let us join our voices in prayer:

In answer to your call, gracious God,

we have opened our ears for your instruction

and our eyes to the needs of our sisters and brothers.

Alone, our helpfulness is limited,

though often greater than we have imagined, for you are with us.

Together, our effectiveness is multiplied, and your work is made visible.

Bless our sharing and our sacrifices

that your rule of love may grow among us and extend to all we meet.

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:

**Shine in the darkness, O God,
and shine in our hearts,
so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we may grow in the knowledge of your glory,
proclaiming Jesus Christ and not ourselves,
until his life is made visible in us, even in us.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Psalter

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NRSVUE)
(Said responsively by whole verse)

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**
¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ **I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

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

With God's help we are listening.

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And Jesus said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then Jesus said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. Jesus looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against Jesus, how to destroy him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!"



WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

At This Table

words and music by Jonas Myrin and Idina Menzel

At this table, everyone is welcome. At this table, everyone is seen.

At this table, everybody matters; no one falls between.

At this table, you can say whatever. At this table, you can speak your mind.

At this table, everything's forgiven. There's enough for everyone.

So, come as you are. Remember that the door is always open.

Yes, come as you are. The perfect gift that you can bring is your heart.

So, come, come as you are.

At this table, there will be no judgment. At this table, mercy has a seat.

At this table, we're all sons and daughters. There's no place I'd rather be.

So, come, as you are. Remember that the door is always open.

Come, as you are. The perfect gift that you can bring is your heart.

Come, come as you are. Come as you are.

At this table, everyone is welcome.

At this table, everybody cares. At this table, everybody matters.

So, come, you're welcome here.

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.

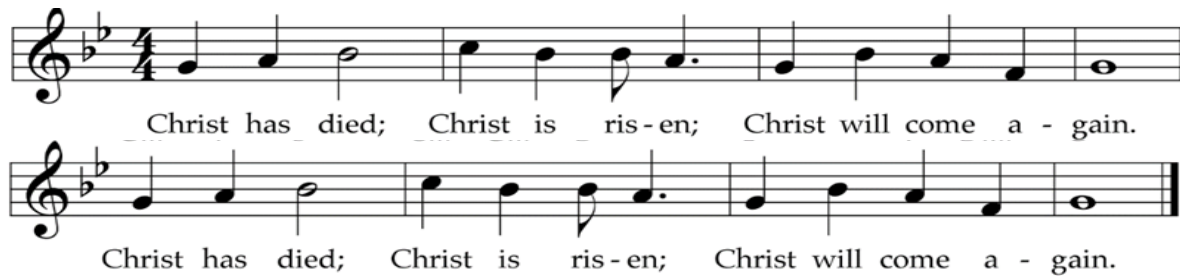
And so, with all the people of God in every age,
we praise you for the power of the resurrection
to set us free from divisions and strife,
and with angels and archangels,
with earth, water, fire, and air,
and with all your creatures,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. 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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes tied across bar lines.

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...
Janie Chambers, Bucky Buchanan, June Begany, Peggie Willett, Debbie Carrick,
Eli Justice, Regis Bookshar, Kathleen, Frank Macuga, Joe Geraci,
Laurie Thomson, Katherine Gilmore Maynard, Diane Priscilla, Chelsea and Kyle,
Sharon Steranko, Jan, Conor, Ray Alford, JoAnn Hood, the Rutti family.
We pray for the repose of the soul of Lee Rutti, may her memory be a blessing.
We pray for the repose of the soul of Lois Wilson, may her 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 melekha 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 and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this for the 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.

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love all of us,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy all of us,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
for Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

* 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.**

Capo 2: (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
E A B C#m

1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
 2 Praise God in whose word we find
 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
 4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,
 5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

(Em7) (D/F#) (Em7) (Asus4) (A)
F#m7 E/G# F#m7 Bsus4 B

place and peo - ple, sight and sound.
 food for bod - y, soul, and mind.
 all are loved and called God's own.
 rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.
 where God's will is glad - ly done.

Refrain (D) (G) (Em7) (A) (F#7) (Bm)
E A F#m7 B G#7 C#m

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D) (Em7) (A7) (D)
E F#m7 B7 E

God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

Although several passages in the Psalms come close to the wording of this refrain, none matches it exactly. The refrain serves as a summation of the stanzas, each of which is filled with multiple instances of God's providential mercy, and all of them are worth pondering.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Our sabbath times are for our own growth.

They are also for the renewal of our compassion.

Our lives are saved to be a benefit to others.

Our days are enriched when our blessings are shared.

Praise God for creating and caring for us.

Give thanks for God's continuing knowledge of us.

God speaks encouragement and challenge to us.

God honors us with tasks to do.

Go forth to let your light shine in the gloom.

Let the life of Jesus be known through you.

We are affected but not crushed, perplexed but not despairing.

In all times, God is with us; praise God!

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

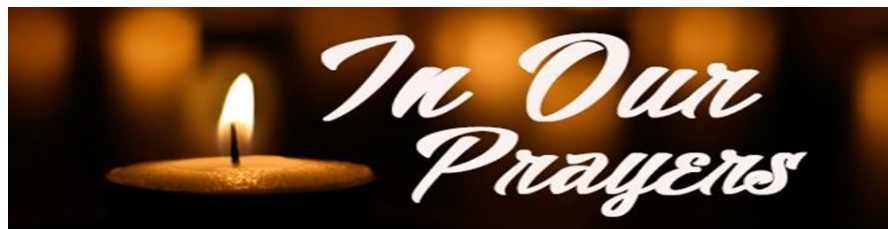
ORGAN POSTLUDE

Festive Voluntary

Michael Joseph

*“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, Bucky Buchanan, June Begany, Peggie Willett, Debbie Carrick,
Eli Justice, Regis Bookshar, Kathleen, Frank Macuga, Joe Geraci,
Laurie Thomson, Katherine Gilmore Maynard, Diane Priscilla, Chelsea and Kyle,
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may her memory be a blessing.

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may her 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.



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



Old Stone Church's Annual Plant Exchange returns next Sunday, June 9th in Memorial Hall.



Attention, baseball fans! Old Stone Church invites you to a special OSC outing to watch your first place Guardians take on the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday, June 23rd, at 1:40 p.m. Presented by our Welcoming & Fellowship Committee, a block of ten tickets is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The seats are located together in section 113, row U. **Join your fellow OSC congregants on June 23rd! Tickets are available now for \$30 each. Please contact OSC and Welcoming & Fellowship committee member Bram Chisholm.**



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Sunday June 2/ Pride Sunday/ Communion

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

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

1:10PM Guardians-Nationals

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

Wednesday June 5

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday June 9

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

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

11:30AM Plant Exchange/Memorial Hall

Wednesday June 12

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday June 13

2:00PM Worship Committee/ZOOM

Friday June 14

5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Saturday June 15

3:00PM Wedding/Banchek-Machnik/Sanctuary

Sunday June 16

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:65 Online:86

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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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Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

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