



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 23, 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
**10AM Sanctuary Worship**

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE                                      Prelude on "*Rhosymedre*"                      Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME    Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT                                      *Lead Me, Lord*                                      Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.  
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.**

**Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.**

God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.

Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

**God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.**

**The needy and the poor are not forgotten.**

God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.

See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

**Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!**

**How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**We sing praises to you, O God,**

**for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life.**

**We do battle with many enemies within and among us,**

**but you give us confidence and courage to face them.**

**Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call.**

**We have gathered to listen for the voice**

**we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives.**

**Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor**

**that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us.**

**Amen.**

\* HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Ruth Finley

All of us have faltered before the lions and giants  
 that seem ready to destroy us.

Life's storms overwhelm us, and fear takes a deadly toll.

Sometimes we are snared in the work of our own hands.

We forget the greatest source of help and hope. In these moments together,  
 we lay aside our doubts and fear of judgment to open our lives to God.

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

**Help us, God, for we do not have the wisdom to help ourselves.  
When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet  
and we are mired down in hopelessness and self-pity, we need you.  
When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us  
because some of it is also in us, we cry out for your saving mercy.  
We confess that it is easier to see the problems than the promise.  
We have been more ready to complain than to accept your help.  
O God, we open our hearts to you.  
We want to be healed.**

*(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 has listened to us.  
In spite of all we have done or not done, God accepts us.  
This is a day of salvation, when brokenness is mended,  
problems are seen in a new light, and fierce winds are stilled.  
God does not forget the cry of the afflicted.  
God's affection for us is limited only by our failure to respond.  
Accept the gift of God's love, for it is everything we need.

**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*

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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 lifted us up from the gates of death.

We will praise God with all we have to give.

Christ walks with us through difficult days and sleepless nights.

We give thanks for the church that proclaims this good news.

The Holy Spirit meets us in our weakness with a love that will not let us go.

All this we want to share with the world.

These moments of giving represent the commitment of our lives to God.

The offering will now be received.

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*It Is Well With My Soul*

John Ness Beck

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll:

The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so, it is well with my soul!”

\* 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

Ruth Finley

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need.**

**We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten.**

**We are grateful for the trust you place in us.**

**We give that others might respond to the good news of your love.**

**We are hearing the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm:**

**"Peace! Be still!"**

**With fresh calm and confidence,**

**we give ourselves that others might live.**

**Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever.**

**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

**Holy God,  
we know that our own words lack knowledge  
whenever we try to speak of you or to you.  
Yet we are drawn into your presence  
and desire to understand all your mysteries.  
So now, by the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
speak your words and we will listen carefully,  
responding in awe and gratitude.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray.  
Amen.**

## THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

Job 38:1-11 (The Inclusive Bible)

Then YHWH answered Job from the heart of the storm:

Who is this obscuring my plans with such ignorant words?  
Hitch up your belt like the fighter you are;  
now I will ask the questions and you will answer me!  
Where were you when I created the earth?  
If you know the answer, tell me!  
Who decided its size? Do you know?  
Who stretched the measuring line across it?  
Into what foundation were its pillars sunk?  
Who laid the cornerstone  
while the choruses of morning stars sang  
and the heavenly court shouted for joy?  
And who held back the sea behind partitions  
when it burst forth from my womb,  
when I created clouds as the earth's raiment  
and thick darkness as its swaddling clothes—  
when I drew limits around the waters  
and locked the partitions in place  
and said, "This far and no more;  
this is where your mighty waves stay"?

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

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



## Gospel

## Mark 4:35-41 (The Inclusive Bible)

With the coming of the evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, “Let’s cross over to the other shore.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with them.

Then a fierce gale arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so much that it was almost swamped. But Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on the cushion. They woke him and said, “Teacher, doesn’t it matter to you that we’re going to drown?”

Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be calm!” And the wind dropped, and everything was perfectly calm. Jesus then said to the disciples, “Why were you so afraid? Have you no faith?”

But they became filled with fear and said to one another, “Who is this, whom even the wind and sea obey?”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams  
“From the Heart of the Storm”



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH


**This is the good news  
which we have received,  
in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved,  
if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures,  
that he was buried,  
that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared  
first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
he is our Lord and our God.  
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 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

As servants of God, we commend ourselves in every way.

God has given us the ministry in which we serve.

**We seek to be patient and kind with all people.**

**Our speech is truthful and our love genuine.**

The grace of God rests on each one of us.

Holiness of spirit is God's gift to us today.

**We feel empowered to endure all things.**

**God equips us to rejoice in all circumstances.**

Let your faith grow and your trust expand.

Go into the world with confidence and courage.

**We are not afraid for we know God's presence.**

**We are alive to the possibilities before us.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Siegfried Karg-Elert

*“My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

*Psalms 73:26*



**We continue to keep in our prayers:**

Jayne Zborowsky, Sue Blazek, Paul, Zoey, Thomas Jeffrey McBroom,  
Sara and Evan, Janie Chambers, Rev. June Begany, Peggine Willett, Debbie Carrick,  
Eli Justice, Regis Bookshar, Kathleen, Frank Macuga, Joe Geraci, Laurie Thomson,  
Katherine Gilmore Maynard, Diane Priscilla, Chelsea and Kyle, Sharon Steranko,  
Sherman, Calvina, Jan, Conor, Ray Alford, JoAnn Hood, Bertha Nunn,  
Theresa Germann, the Peterbark family, the Jackson family, the Buchanan family,  
the Rutti family, the Kordalski family

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.



Old Stone Church's Welcoming and Fellowship Committee invites the community to a free potluck meal in Memorial Hall after worship service on Sunday, June 30th. The luncheon is in observance of the 4th of July holiday and is the perfect fellowship opportunity to celebrate summer together. The committee will provide fried chicken, watermelon, and drinks. Please consider bringing a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP by signing up in our Parish House lobby. All are welcome.



A tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 2:00 PM. It will highlight religious works. The museum is located at: 11150 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106. There is a large parking lot attached to the museum. Parking is on your own. We will meet around the "Central Desk" in the atrium at 2:00 PM. Lunch is on your own. Provenance Café and Provenance Restaurant and Bar are located just off the atrium. The Restaurant is open from 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM. The Café is open from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM.



## **@ Old Stone Church**

### **Sunday June 23**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary  
**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel  
**1:40PM** Guardians-Blue Jays

### **Tuesday June 25**

**6:30PM** Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

### **Wednesday June 26**

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

### **Sunday June 30**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary  
**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel  
**11:30AM** Welcome and Fellowship Potluck /Memorial Hall

### **Wednesday July 3**

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

### **Thursday July 4 Independence Day**

**All Day/ Building and Offices Closed**

### **Sunday July 7**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary/Communion  
**11:15AM** Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/  
 Cuyahoga Room/ Second Floor  
**1:40PM** Guardians/Giants

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## The Old Stone Quartet

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

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