



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 30, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WITH BAPTISM
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

O, Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod
Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

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

Arise, people of faith, that Christ may give us life.

This is the day of meeting in Christ's name.

We reach out for health and wholeness.

We embrace one another with concern and care.

God is attentive to us and hears our cries.

God challenges us to eager engagement in life.

Like those who watch eagerly for the morning,

We wait in joyous anticipation of God's Word.

The word of life is ours to receive.

The good news is available to be shared.

We will sing praises to God's holy name.

We will tell of God's faithfulness day by day.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

We gather to thank you, gracious God,

**for those times when we have been lifted up by you
and known your healing touch.**

You have clothed us with joy and filled us with hope.

**We are grateful that even in our days of deepest gloom and despair,
you have surrounded us with a love stronger than all our pain
and doubts and grievous losses.**

**Come to us now that, together and individually,
we may sense larger realities**

than the narrow focus of our daily concerns.

We await your word.

Amen.

* HYMN #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
 All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
 Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Jayne Zborowsky

Surrounded by the steadfast love of God,
 we gain courage to examine our lives and our relationships.
 Together we confess the sin that cuts us off from our Creator
 and separates us from one another.
 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 peace,
we confess that we have relied too much on the weapons of war.
We are more ready to honor warriors than to give support
to those who work diligently for justice and equality of opportunity.
We extol our accumulation of gadgets
over a balanced sharing of resources.
We are more interested in securing your support for our desires
than in conforming ourselves to your will.
You have given us much, and we have misspent this abundance,
creating idols and pursuing illusions of pleasure.
O God, forgive us and re-center us in ways that really matter.**

(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

If God marked iniquities, who could stand?
Yet there is forgiveness from the Source of Life.
There is power to redeem us from the most grievous sin.
God offers steadfast love to re-center our lives.
When we revere God, all else in life is seen in a new light.
What was dead in us is brought to new life.
Our brokenness is healed.
Our priorities are changed. Praise God!

Alleluia and Amen!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Luca Julius Bricillo

Megan Ashley Bricillo & Carmen Julius Bricillo (Parents)

Grace Caley & Nick Caley (Godparents)

* 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's generous act in Jesus Christ invites our generosity.
Identifying with our poverty, Jesus leads us to true riches.
We are called to give according to our means,
toward the goal of a fair balance among all God's children.
May our offerings begin to answer that call.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Thomas Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night lead on to the light,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near, when my life is almost gone;
hear my cry hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

* 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

Jayne Zborowsky

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We pray that you will find our gifts acceptable, God.
If we have not given according to what we have,
we seek the courage to do so.
May these gifts relieve suffering and reveal hope.
May they give meaning to all who give and all who receive.
We dedicate them, that those who have much may not have too much,
and those who have little may not have too little.
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

**By the power of your Spirit,
speak your word to us, O God.
Show us who you are
and who you are calling us to be,
for the sake of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture Lamentations 3:22-33 (Inclusive Bible)

Heth. YHWH's favor is not exhausted,
nor has God's compassion failed.
They rise up anew each morning,
so great is God's faithfulness.
"YHWH is all I have," I cry.
"so I will wait in patience."

Teth. The Most High is good to those who hope in God,
to all who seek God's presence.
It is good to wait patiently
for YHWH to set us free.
It is good for anyone
to bear a burden from youth.

Yod. Let those who bear such a burden, sit in silence—
for YHWH has laid it on them;
or lie prostrate on the ground—
for there is hope.
Let them offer their cheek to those who would strike them;
let them submit themselves to grave insult.

Kaph. For YHWH
will not reject them forever.
God may punish now,
but will show compassion and the fullness of love.
God does not willingly torment
or punish any human being.

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

With God's help we are listening.

When Jesus had crossed again to the other shore in the boat, a large crowd gathered, and he stayed by the lakeside.

Then one of the synagogue officials—Jairus by name— came up and, seeing Jesus, fell down and pleaded earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is desperately sick.

Come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.” Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed, pressing from all sides.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years; after long and painful treatment from various doctors, she had spent all that she had without getting better—in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. “If I can touch even the hem, she had told herself, I will be well again.” Immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Immediately aware that healing power had gone out from him, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” The disciples said, “You see how the crowd is pressing you and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” But Jesus continued to look around to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at Jesus’ feet and told him the whole truth. “ My daughter”, Jesus said, “your faith has saved you; go in peace and be free of your affliction.”

While Jesus was still speaking, some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why put the teacher to any further trouble?” But Jesus overheard the remark and said to the official: “Don’t be afraid. Just believe.” Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James, and Jame’s brother John. They came to the official’s house, and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. Jesus went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead but asleep.” At this, they began to ridicule him, and he told everyone to leave. Jesus took the child’s mother and father and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. Taking her hand, he said to her, “Talitha, koum!” which means, “Little girl, get up!” Immediately the girl, who was only twelve years old, got up and began to walk about. At this they were overcome with astonishment.

Jesus gave the family strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give the little girl something to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
“Health and Wholeness”

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.



Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Fine

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

to Refrain

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Continue to excel in everything.
Serve with eagerness, faith, and love.

We seek to share the best that we know.

We want to pass on the love we have received.

Dare to be generous with your time and resources.
The needs of others are not always apparent.

We are eager to reach out helping hands.

We need strength and assurance to do so.

Your faith is making you well.

God is healing and equipping you. Go in peace!

Together, we have been empowered.

Apart, we will continue to feel God's touch.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

God bless America, land that I love; stand beside her and guide her
through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home!

*“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, 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,
Sherman, Calvina, Jan, Conor, Ray Alford, JoAnn Hood, Bertha Nunn,
Theresa Germann, the Peterbark family, the Jackson family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Hoagland,
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.



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.



Thursday July 4 Independence Day

Old Stone Church Building and Offices Closed



Sunday July 14, 2024 at 11:30 AM

Frank Schwartz will conduct a guided tour of the inner workings of Old Stone Church and the Parish House. Please meet in the gallery.



@ Old Stone Church

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

Wednesday July 10

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday July 11

2:00PM Worship Committee/ZOOM

Sunday July 14

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

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

11:30AM OSC Building Tour

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The Old Stone Quartet

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

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