



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 9, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	"Meditation" from <i>Celtic Suite</i>	Charles Callahan
WELCOME		Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
INTROIT	<i>Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing</i>	Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!
All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever, sing Jehovah's mighty power,
praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather to give thanks with your whole heart.
Rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.

We bow down, for this is God's holy temple.

We pour out our thanks in songs of praise.

God answers us when we call.

Our Creator increases our strength of soul.

Great is the glory of our God!

We rejoice in God's steadfast love.

Wait for God and hope in God's Word.

Open your hearts to the holy presence in our midst.

Our ears are attentive to the voice of God.

We open our lives to God's direction.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Our souls wait for you, O God.

Our ears are attentive to your Word.

We hope for a clear understanding of your will for us.

Let this time of meeting draw us together in unity,

with a sense of direction and purpose

for our church and our individual lives.

Renew us within so that nothing we face around us

can undermine our faith or cause us to despair.

Claim us all as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ

and help us to reflect this kinship in all we do or say.

Amen.

* HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

LAUDES DOMINI
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Harriet Niles

God does not forsake us, but we often choose other rulers.
We abdicate responsibility for our own lives,
in relation to our Creator,
turning instead to entertainers, politicians,
and financial wizards as our hope.
In worship, we are recalled to our primary accountability 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

**We confess, O God,
that we often act as if we know better than you what is right for us.
We make decisions without considering your larger purposes.
Our own convenience and desires
are more important to us than your commands.
We go our own way and then blame others for our mistakes.
Our inner confusion creates division and brokenness.
We hide from you rather than admitting our needs.
O God, we want to face our sin and find forgiveness.
Help us!**

(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 One who raised Jesus from the dead offers us new life today.
Our sins are forgiven.
Our lives are cleansed.
Our inner nature is being renewed.
God does not forsake us.
We are the work of God's hands, the object of steadfast love.
Meet the world with the assurance that you are loved, valued,
and empowered as an ambassador of God's eternal realm.

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.

Many of our resources are committed to time payments, taxes, rent, or mortgages.

Our need for food, shelter, and clothing takes precedence in our lives.

We also confuse wants with needs, the more and more affluent we become.

Where is our thanksgiving to God in all this?

And our commitment to love God and neighbor as ourselves?

We give in proportion to our faith.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In This Very Room

Ron and Carol Harris

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 for all of us,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for 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.

* 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

Harriet Niles

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Thank you, God, for your faithfulness.

We bring ourselves and some of what we have accumulated to praise you and do the work you call us to do.

Fulfill your purpose for this church

as you enlist our offerings and our lives.

In amazement at the work of your hands,

we reach out our hands to help others and invite them to join us.

In our labors for you, we will not lose heart.

Help us to do your will.

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, let your Spirit now move in us,
to turn us away from the temporary
and move us to eternal love
made visible in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (Inclusive Bible)

But as we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture—"I believed, and therefore I spoke"—we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the One who raised Jesus to new life will in turn raise us with Jesus, and place you with us in God's presence. You see, all of this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow, to the glory of God.

That is why we don't lose heart. And though this physical self of ours may be falling into decay, the inner self is being renewed day by day. These light and momentary troubles train us to carry the weight of an eternal glory which will make these troubles insignificant by comparison. And we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; visible things last only for a time, but the invisible are eternal.

For we know that when our earthly tent is folded up, there is waiting for us a house built by God, an everlasting home in the heavens, not made by human hands.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Then Jesus went home, and again such a crowd gathered that he and the disciples were unable to even eat a meal. When Jesus' relatives heard of this, they went out to take charge of him, thinking that he had lost his mind. The religious scholars who had come down from Jerusalem said of Jesus, "He is possessed of Beelzebul," and "He casts out demons through the ruler of demons." Summoning them, Jesus spoke in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a realm is torn by civil strife, it cannot last. If a household is divided according to loyalties, it will not survive. Similarly, if Satan has mutiny in the ranks and is torn by dissension, the Devil is finished and cannot endure. No attacker can enter a stronghold unless the defender is first put under restraint. Only then can the attacker plunder the stronghold.

"The truth is, every sin and all the blasphemy the people utter will be forgiven, but those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness. They are guilty of an eternal sin." Jesus spoke all this because they said, "He is possessed by an unclean spirit."

Jesus' mother and his brothers arrived and sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting around Jesus, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you." Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who is my family?" And looking around at everyone there, Jesus said, "This is my family! Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my sister, my brother, my mother."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Who is My Family?"



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 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.

CREEK

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.

NAVAHO

Nizhónítigo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinígí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.
 Text Phonetic Transcr. Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw © Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;
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AMAZING GRACE
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* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God's grace has been poured out on us.

We are invited to share it with more and more people.

We seek to live so God's grace is evident.

We will consult with God in our decision-making.

Go into the world to serve to the glory of God.

May your thanksgiving increase day by day.

Our praise will not cease when we leave this place.

All the world is God's temple, a place to give thanks.

We are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit has come among us and abides with us.

We have good news to share, so we will do it!

May our thanksgiving proclaim God's glory!

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Timothy Albrecht

*“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:

Paul, Zoey, Thomas Jeffrey McBroom, Sara and Evan, Janie Chambers,
Bucky Buchanan, 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, Jan, Conor, Ray Alford, JoAnn Hood, Bertha Nunn,
the Jackson family, the Rutti 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 Annual Plant Exchange returns today, Sunday, June 9th in Memorial Hall.



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. There is Provenance Café and Provenance Restaurant and Bar 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. For those who are interested in the tour, please contact Anthony at 216-241-6145.

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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

Wednesday June 19 Juneteenth

All Day/Building and Offices Closed

Thursday June 20

6:30PM FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

Saturday June 22

10:00AM Memorial Service/Lenore Rutti/Sanctuary
1:00PM Memorial Service/Nova Kordalski/Sanctuary



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The Old Stone Quartet

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Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

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