



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JULY 21, 2024
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE	<i>"Air" from Water Music</i>	G. F. Handel
WELCOME		Pastor Denise Clark-Jones
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Judy Macuga
INTROIT	<i>Be Joyful in The Lord</i>	Kendal L. Gunlicks

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands! And serve the Lord with gladness.
Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands! Come before his presence with a song.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come away and rest for a while.

Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

We have come for relief from life's turmoil.

God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.

God's steadfast love surrounds us here.

We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

This is God's house, and we are God's children.

God invites us to feel at home in this place.

We have a covenant with our Creator.

This is a time for renewal of our promises.

God calls for righteousness and justice.

God offers us goodness and mercy all our days.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Rock of our salvation,

we have accepted the invitation of Jesus

to gather as your beloved people.

We have been far away from you in our thoughts

and separated from you in much that we do.

Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another.

We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing.

We feel your compassion for us and for all your children.

We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust.

You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets.

We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close.

Amen.

* HYMN #840

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

it is well; it is well with my soul.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Michael Rolén

Alienated from our spiritual selves,
 we come to this time of confession seeking wholeness amid a fragmented world.
 The false promise of a good life, filled with things, has erected barriers among us.
 There are dividing walls of hostility separating God's people.
 We are called to admit our role in this brokenness.
 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 times and places,
we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age.
We have disobeyed your commandments,
violated your covenant with us, and forsaken your ways.
We have denied our need for you
and mistreated those whom you have called us to love.
We have become strangers and aliens,
plagued by false values that squeeze life from our souls.
Loving Parent, hear your penitent children,
and let us come home, we pray.**

(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

We are no longer strangers and aliens
but are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone.
We are the church, God's forgiven and forgiving people,
becoming a temple in which God is pleased to dwell.
Let us join our spirits and our voices in giving thanks
for God's pardon and continuing offer of healing.

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 a portion of all God entrusts to us to be used,
not for our pet projects, but for the mission of the church,
in this community, throughout our land and around the world.

We express our gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ,
and for the peace we know deep within when we become disciples and apostles.
May we follow the model of God's generosity.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lord I Stretch My Hands to You* Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where then shall I go?

Oh Lord, I give my soul to you; I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand.
And Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where then shall I go?
Oh Lord, I stretch my hands to you. Amen.

* 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

Michael Rolan

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Receive our best, gracious God,
as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks.
Establish your rule in our midst
so we may proclaim your reign in the world.
Send us where you need us most.
Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community.
Be to us a watchful Parent and teach us to live as sisters and brothers
who find you in one another and respond in love to each other's needs.
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

**May the reading of your Word
draw near to you those of us once far off.
May the hearing of your Word
break down the dividing walls between us,
for Jesus Christ, your living Word, is our peace.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a (NRSVUE)

Now when the king was settled in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings."

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

With God's help we are listening.

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Rest for the Worried"

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones



THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
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.**

1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Live with hope, for God is with us every day.
Live in peace, for God turns us from hostility.

We are one in Christ, who died for us.

We are one in the Spirit who creates community.

Renew your covenant vows with God and people.
Celebrate the oneness of humanity in Christ.

We have daily access to God our Parent.

We are citizens with the saints in God's family.

There are people in the marketplace awaiting good news.
Go to people you know who need your healing presence.

We seek to recognize the needs around us.

We commit ourselves to help as God gives us strength.

Let us who have been reconciled by Christ become reconcilers for Christ.
Send us, who have found peace in God's house, to make peace in God's world.
And may God be with you wherever you go;
May Christ Jesus heal and replenish you;
and may the Holy Spirit encircle and strengthen you.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Old Hundredth"

Fred Bock

*"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:

Jayne Zborowsky, Harry Hatters, Suzanne Vassel, Frank Macuga, Chelsea and Kyle,
the Willison and Browne families, the Murphy 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.



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.



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday July 21

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

1:40PM Guardians/Padres

Monday July 22

6:30PM Stated Meeting of the PWR/ZOOM

Tuesday July 23

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

Wednesday July 24

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday July 28

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Wednesday July 31

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:58 Online:154

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The Old Stone Quartet

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

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