



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JULY 28, 2024  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
**10AM Sanctuary Worship**

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*Ave Maria de Caccini*

Vladimir Vavilov  
Val Sibila, *soprano*

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jim Cox and Katelynn Roach

INTROIT

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

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

This is the hour to bend our knee before God.

This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.

**We gather before God, who sees all our deeds.**

**We open our hearts to One who knows all our thoughts.**

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

We come together proclaiming, "God is with us!"

**We come to be strengthened in our inner being.**

**We seek to pattern our actions after Christ Jesus.**

God's presence evokes our joyous worship.

The Holy Spirit empowers our service.

**To God be highest glory in the church.**

**To God be endless adoration in the world.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**We are seeking after you, loving God, for you are our refuge.**

**Your power is at work within and among us, even when we are unaware.**

**We want to respond, not as fools, but as faithful friends of Jesus.**

**We have come to discover the riches we did not know we possessed.**

**We are here to offer our best for the good of all.**

**Use us, we pray, to accomplish in and through this church,**

**far more than we can ask or imagine.**

**All glory be to you, amazing God,**

**in this and every hour, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**


\* HYMN #498

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

BEACH SPRING

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)

F Dm Bb



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am  
name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)  
B<sup>b</sup> F C



food for - ev - er - more.  
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
with you; do not fear!"  
tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B<sup>b</sup> C F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B<sup>b</sup> F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

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BEACH SPRING

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## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Bram Chisholm

The psalmist asserted that all have gone astray, all are alike perverse;  
there is no one who does good—no, not one.

We eat up people as bread and do not call upon God.

Before we dismiss these claims as unwarranted exaggeration,  
let us examine ourselves before 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

**O God, you know our secret hearts.  
You are aware of our distortions, our jealousies, our lust.  
You observe our unfaithfulness, our treachery, our unwarranted fears.  
We are corrupted by greed,  
self-indulgence, and desire to be entertained.  
We do not take responsibility for our misconduct,  
our abuse of power, our lack of trust in you.  
We have little sense of vision to see beyond immediate circumstances  
or to embrace new possibilities.  
We miss the signs of your grace  
and resist the empowerment of your Spirit.  
Mighty God, still the storms within us  
with your transforming peace and boundless forgiveness,  
in Jesus' name.**

*(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

All who truly repent can know the love of Christ  
that surpasses human knowledge.  
We are rescued, delivered, and restored to fullness of life in God, our Creator.  
We are being rooted and grounded in love that we,  
in turn, might show love to others.  
We are invited to join the saints  
in realizing ever fuller dimensions of life centered in faith and trust.

**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 have gladly taken more than our share of the world's good.

Let us give in proportion to the blessings we have received.

May the church be at the forefront of feeding,  
healing, caring for, and loving God's people.

We are the church, the body of Christ, making a difference in the world.

The offering will now be received.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*He Never Failed Me Yet*

Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour, He gives me power.

I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers toils and snares  
that He has brought me out. He is my God, and I'll serve Him no matter what the test.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.

I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.

One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?

And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.  
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet.

\* 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

Bram Chisholm

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We join with Jesus in giving thanks for the little things we can see,  
that our eyes may be opened to the great possibilities  
we had not imagined.**

**May our efforts be multiplied by your grace  
so there is more than enough for all, more comfort in sorrow,  
more relief from pain, more mercy to meet our treachery,  
more sense of presence amid our loneliness,  
more strength to overcome our weakness,  
more joy and enthusiasm to erase our apathy.  
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, may this your Word  
give us the power to comprehend,  
with all the saints,  
the length and width, the height and depth  
of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you.  
Amen.**

## THE READINGS

Epistle

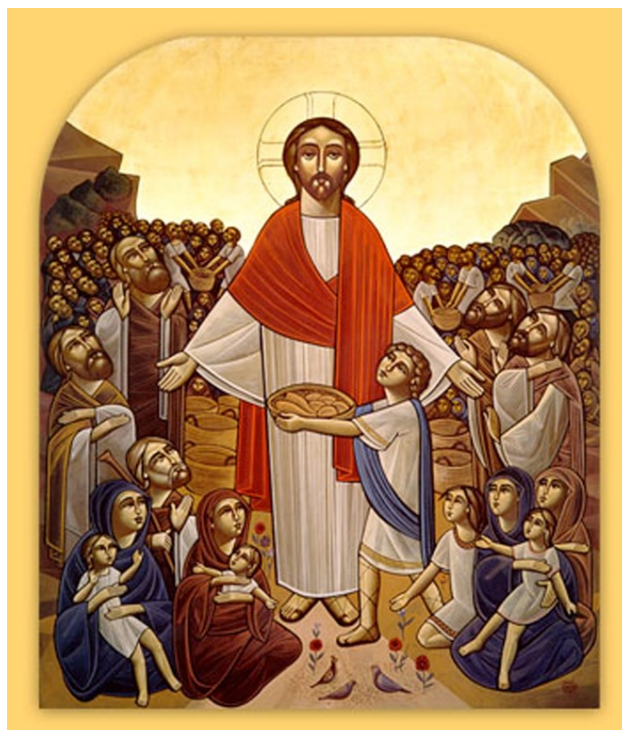
Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSVUE)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

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



After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test Philip, for Jesus himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that Jesus had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams  
"Rooted and Grounded in Love"

## 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.**



Praise to the God who reigns, who moves us toward new life.  
 Praise to the ris - en Christ, who now as - cends a - bove  
 Praise to the Ho - ly Dove, the Spir - it soar - ing free,  
 Praise to the One - In - Three, who bless - es us with grace

Ad - ven - ture waits, let us now take the path to end all strife.  
 and gives us pow'r to face this hour, to act in deeds of love.  
 who sends us out with cour - age now a - cross the land and sea.  
 to dare a world made new and just; a sum - mons to em - brace.

This jour - ney will be long, and doubt can make us fear,  
 This wit - ness is our joy; it calls us to each day.  
 We see a fu - ture dawn; hor - i - zons o - pen wide.  
 As we take steps from here, let faith re - new our aim

yet we will trust that God is good; the HO - LY ONE is here.  
 Let us be a - gents of good news as Christ leads on the way.  
 By stars of night or camp - fire bright, the Spir - it is our guide.  
 to seek the reign of God on earth, God's mis - sion to pro - claim.

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 MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1868  
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\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go out to share what you have received.

God will multiply the gifts that you give away.

**We will turn away from fears of scarcity.**

**We will celebrate and share our abundance.**

God meets you amid the storms of life.

God goes with you through the terrors of the night.

**We are embraced by God's steadfast love.**

**We will look up and not be afraid.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen your inner being.

**To God be glory in the church forever.**

**May Christ be honored in all we say and do.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "*Lancashire*"

Jason D. Payne

*"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:**

Eleanor Cicerchi, Jayne Zborowsky, Harry Hatters, Suzanne Vassel,  
Frank Macuga, Chelsea and Kyle,  
the Willison and Browne families, the Murphy family,  
the Joslyn and Sexton families, the Buchanan family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Joslyn,  
may her memory be a blessing.

We pray for the repose of the soul of John Buchanan,  
may his 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.



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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### **@ Old Stone Church**

#### **Sunday July 28**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

#### **Wednesday July 31**

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

#### **Sunday August 4**

**10:00AM** Worship/Communion/Sanctuary

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

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

**1:40PM** Guardians/Orioles

#### **Wednesday August 7**

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

#### **Sunday August 11**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

#### **Wednesday August 14**

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

#### **Thursday August 15**

**7:00PM** FPS Directors Meeting/ Conference Room

#### **Sunday August 18**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

**2:30PM** OSC Annual Picnic

**Last Sunday Attendance** In-Person:88 Online:165

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Mail to: Old Stone Church Attn: Financial Office 91 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44113	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.

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## THE OLD STONE CHURCH

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**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Blonder Adams

**Parish Associate:** Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

**Minister of Music:** David L. Dettloff

## The Old Stone Singers

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Frederick Peterbark, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

## Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

### Class of 2024

Michelle Baron  
Janie Chambers  
Fred Heider  
Bernard Medie  
Bob Reid

### Class of 2025

Dorothy Baunach  
Willie Brown  
David Eifert  
Dave Finley  
Robert Hubert Jr.

### Class of 2026

Beth Buchanan  
Judy Macuga  
Melissa Maffia  
Harriet Niles  
Marty Vassel

## Church Deacons:

### Class of 2024

Anand Bandari  
Bernie Bischel  
Amy Wheeler  
John Wheeler

### Class of 2025

Valorie Hempstead  
Eileen Kelly  
Elie Medie  
Mark Pichler

### Class of 2026

Mark Corey  
Forrest Diehl  
Pam Daly  
Ruth Finley  
Alyssa Niepokny  
Charlene Thornton

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