



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

AUGUST 4, 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WITH COMMUNION

10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Lyric Prelude

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

Rain Down

Jamie Cortez & Craig Kingsbury

Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.
We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
Rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love, God of life.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Draw near to God, who has heard your complaining.
Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your need.

We have received manna in the wilderness.

We have been offered the bread of life.

Open yourselves to God's steadfast love.
Be honest before the Holy One who knows all you do.

We are judged according to our deeds.

Our secret sins are known to our God.

The Holy Spirit has come to restore your joy.
God's presence is real to those who accept God's gift.

Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry.

Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

**We hear you calling us, loving God,
to a life of humility, gentleness, and patience.
Keep your call before us in this hour
that we may recognize and celebrate our oneness in Jesus Christ.
May your Spirit unite us in the bond of peace.
Speak to us of the Savior, who bore humanity's shame
that we might learn to bear with one another in love.
Draw us to a common faith, in spite of our differences.
Lead us into new depths of trust beyond our knowing,
and along new pathways of service outdistancing our fears.
Amen.**



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

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 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Kristy Sawicki

We who are tossed about in a sea of competing images and priorities
 are summoned before God to be drawn back to a life centered by faith.
 Let us call upon God's mercy and forgiveness.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, our transgressions are many.
We have sinned against you and done evil in your sight.
We have wandered far from your truth.
You alone know the extent of our guilt.
You are justified to pass judgment and sentence us.
We are crushed by the wrong we have allowed
and the good we have avoided.
We plead for mercy.
Wash us thoroughly and cleanse us deep within.
Put a new and right spirit in us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation.
Help us to lead lives worthy of your call to us, 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

By God's grace, we are forgiven.
In Christ, we are drawn together and entrusted with gifts for the good of all.
We are knit into one body for mutual support, encouragement, and growth.
Some of us are apostles, some prophets, some evangelists,
some pastors, and some teachers.
All of us have a part in building up the body of Christ
and equipping the saints for the work of ministry.
Give thanks for this opportunity!

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.

From the abundance of our land, we have much to share.

Yet often we benefit from economic policies

that favor us over the poor of the world,

whose meager resources put food on our tables and clothes on our backs.

The church seeks to bring justice amid the world's inequities.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bread of Heaven

David Asley White

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed: for thy Flesh is meat indeed:
ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread;
day by day with strength supplied through the life of Him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy Blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live:
Jesu, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

* 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

Kristy Sawicki

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**We dedicate our offerings,
not alone for the good they can accomplish
and the mission they will support,
but also because giving helps us to gain perspective
on what really matters.
We would stop working only for food that perishes,
seeking for all the food that endures for eternal life.
May our lives and all we give perform the works of God.
Build us up in love for one another and for all your children everywhere.
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

Let us pray together:

**Holy God, may the reading of your Word
be for us the bread you send from heaven
that gives life to the world.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Torah

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (NRSVUE)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

With God's help we are listening.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

“Bread of Life”



WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HYMN #522

I Am the Bread of Life

I AM THE BREAD

Leader or All A F#m A C#m

1 "I am the bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion;
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

D Esus E

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

A C#m D E/D A C#m

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Son of God, who has

F#m F#m/E Bm7 E

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er; you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain All A E A D E

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

A D Esus E7 A

and I will raise you up on the last day."

* INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Many will come from east and west,
and from north and south;
and sit at table in the Kingdom of God.
At Emmaus, when our risen Lord was at table
with those who had walked with him,
he took the bread and blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
In the same way now he invites all who choose to trust him
to share in the broken bread.

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together

To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise

God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence
is but a taste of the love you extend to us every day.
By your very nature, you are always seeking us out – searching for ways to connect us and connect with us.
You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them sacred. By your grace, we come to recognize
the holiness that dwells in the world around us,
in our neighbors, in our own internal depths.
Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth
and all the company of the heavens,
singing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One

God of justice and love

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder

Hosanna, among us.

Blessed are you and blessed is your eternal table.
You welcome all who thirst for justice and hunger to grow in love.
You ask us to extend this same welcome to all our neighbors,
but God, since our beginning, we have struggled.
And so in your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus.
Through his life, you pointed to your presence on the margins.
You revealed the sacredness in all life.
You showed us how to live together, even among forces of destruction.

Believing it could transform the world, Jesus proclaimed the Good News.
He called for the captives to be set free.
He spoke of the lowly being lifted up.
He talked of redistributing wealth and eradicating the causes of poverty.
His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds –
not even the bounds of death.
In Christ you seek to restore us and all creation to the fullness of life.
We pray for all in need of healing, whether it be in body, mind, or spirit...

Angelo Agosta, David Legros, Jason Thompson, Eleanor Cicerchi,
Jayne Zborowsky, Harry Hatters, Suzanne Vassel, Frank Macuga,
Chelsea and Kyle, the Agosta family, the O'Con & Thompson families.
We pray for the repose of the soul of Nino Agosta,
may his memory be a blessing.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Scott O'Con, may his memory be a blessing.

In collective longing for a taste of your Kindom on earth,
we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

**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.**

(Please be seated)

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions.
He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam
hamotzi lekhem min ha'aretz.**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who brings forth bread from the earth.

'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying:

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam
borei p'ri hagafen.**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who creates the fruit of the vine.

'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant.'

In remembrance of all you have done to save us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.**

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God.
Make these ordinary elements
into the Sacred gift of your presence with us once again.
May they awaken us anew to your everlasting invitation into a life of resurrection.
Aliven us in our pursuit of a world where all needs are met, power is balanced,
and the worth of every creature and creation is celebrated.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
and then place the cup back into the tray.
You may then light a candle in petition of prayer or in remembrance.
Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Starting from the back of the sanctuary
you are invited to come forward at this time.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Take, Lord, Receive

John Foley, S.J.

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, understanding, my entire will.
Give me only your love and your grace: that's enough for me.
Take, Lord, receive all I have and possess. You have given all to me; now I return it.
Give me only your love and your grace: that's enough for me.
Take, Lord, receive, all is yours now; dispose of it wholly according to your will.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION:

**God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you make us one body.
Bind us together by your spirit that we might live into your hopes for us,
a community centered in Christ
and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care.
May it be so.
Amen and Amen.**

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Christ, the bread of life, sends you out to feed others.
Whoever comes to Christ will not be hungry or thirsty.

We will share our lives with brothers and sisters.

We seek to offer them the bread from heaven.

Join the saints in building up the body of Christ.

Seek to equip others for the work of ministry.

We find unity in our relationship with God.

We seek to grow toward the full stature of Christ.

The Spirit will go with you and dwell with you.

Receive with joy the salvation Christ offers each day.

We are being healed even as we serve.

We are empowered daily as we share love.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Gelobt Sei Gott

Melchior Vulpius
arr. Gilbert Martin

*“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:

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Chelsea and Kyle, the Agosta family, the O'Con & Thompson families.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Nino Agosta,
may his memory be a blessing.

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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.



OLD STONE CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

- *Sunday, August 18, 2024, 2:30–5:30PM
- *North Olmsted Community Cabin
28114 Lorain Road North Olmsted, Oh 44070
- *Raffle to benefit Compassionate Friends Fund
- *Dinner, Fellowship, Games
- *Bring a Side Dish or Dessert



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.



Wednesdays at 12:15 PM please join us in the Sanctuary for a Mid-Week Communion Service.



@ Old Stone Church

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

Wednesday August 21

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday August 25

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

1:40PM Guardians/Rangers

2:00PM OSC/Cleveland Museum of Art Tour

Tuesday August 27

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

Wednesday August 28

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

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<p>Online Giving: oldstonechurch.org/giving/</p>	<p>Mobile Giving: Text the keyword “oldstonecle” to 73256</p>
<p>Mail to: Old Stone Church Attn: Financial Office 91 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44113</p>	<p>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.</p>

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The Old Stone Quartet

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Sam Jungen, *tenor*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

Albert Donze, *bass*

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