



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

AUGUST 18, 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**10AM Sanctuary Worship**

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus Dale Wood

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT *Break Thou the Bread of Life* BREAD OF LIFE

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.

Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.

Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

**The works of God are all around us.**

**Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.**

We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.

We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

**Holy and awesome is God's name.**

**The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.**

Come, then, as wise and faithful people.

Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

**We are amazed that God remembers us.**

**We reach out to the God who cares for us.**

\* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**God of steadfast love,**

**your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts.**

**Your grace and mercy draw us together**

**to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds.**

**Dwell among us today,**

**and reign within the lives of each one gathered here,**

**helping us to grow in discernment and understanding.**

**Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways**

**and keep your commandments.**

**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

Natalie Ronayne

There is much that is evil in our world today.  
 There are many good things that are easily perverted.  
 We live in a time when profligacy masquerades as progress  
 and off-centered willfulness makes false claims to wisdom.  
 We claim the authority of God in making our own authoritarian claims.  
 Let us confess our sin.  
 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, we confess that we have lived so comfortably  
in the abundance of our times that we have made things our gods.  
We spend our days dreaming of (and working for)  
possessions that cannot satisfy.  
The pursuit of riches  
replaces the quest for faith and faithful relationships.  
We do not know you, God,  
and our relationship with others is superficial at best.  
Redeem us, we pray,  
from our self-destructive ways  
and restore us to your covenant community.**  
*(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 have received God's continuing offer to humankind  
of a lasting covenantal relationship.  
God forgives and redeems the likes of us through Jesus Christ,  
the living bread, sent from heaven.  
Accept God's gift.  
Accept yourself and know that this moment  
can mark a new beginning in faithfulness.  
**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.

As we make melody to God with our hearts and voices,  
let our hands also be employed in service.

We here offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor  
that God may bless and multiply the good  
to be accomplished through them and us.

May our riches be employed for the common benefit of all God's children.  
The offering will now be received.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God.

\* 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

Natalie Ronayne

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Your generosity, O God, is beyond our deserving.**

**You grant health to our bodies and minds.**

**You surround us with vast resources and with people who love us.**

**You allow us to make decisions about the use of our time  
and possessions and relationships.**

**Thank you, God, for this opportunity to share with others  
some of what we have received.**

**Help us to use all our gifts as you intend.**

**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

**Great God of steadfast love,  
we study your works and delight in your ways.  
Illumine our understanding by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may reverence your name, grow in your wisdom,  
and discern between good and evil.  
Amen.**

## THE READINGS

Psalter

Psalm 111 (Inclusive Bible)  
*(Read responsively by whole verse.)*

<sup>1</sup> Alleluia!

I will thank you, YHWH, with all my heart,  
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your works,  
to be pondered by all who love them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majestic and glorious are your works,  
and your justice stands firm forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You make us remember your wonders—  
you are compassion and love.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to those who revere you,  
keeping your Covenant ever in mind.

<sup>6</sup> **You reveal to your people the power of your actions  
by giving them the lands of the nations as their inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are truth and justice,  
and all your precepts are sure,

<sup>8</sup> **standing firm forever and ever,  
and carried out uprightly and faithfully.**

<sup>9</sup> You have sent deliverance to your people  
and established your Covenant forever.

Your name is holy and awe inspiring!

<sup>10</sup> **Reverence for YHWH is the beginning of wisdom—  
and those who have it prove themselves wise.  
Your praise will last forever!**

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

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

I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread, they will live forever; the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Temple authorities then began to argue with one another. “How can he give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus replied, “The truth of the matter is, if you don’t eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Chosen One, you won’t have life in you. Those who do eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. Everyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in them. Just as the living Abba God sent me and I have life because of Abba God, so those who feed on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. It’s not the kind of bread your ancestors ate, for they died; whoever eats this kind of bread will live forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams  
“Sing Praises to God”



## 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 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of  
 2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the  
 3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I  
 poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your  
 dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - jice.  
 works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.  
 com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 111 preserves the psalm's quality of providing a general list of God's praiseworthy characteristics rather than giving thanks for a particular act of deliverance. In the original text these attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Love God and walk in the statutes that mark God's reign.  
Let your worship continue throughout the week ahead.

**We will remember God's steadfast love every day.**

**We seek to walk in faithfulness and uprightness of heart.**

Live in awe before God, making the most of the time.  
Shun destructive foolishness and ruinous excesses.

**We aspire to better discernment between good and evil.**

**We ask for greater wisdom and understanding.**

The grace and mercy of God go with you today.

God will keep covenant with you now and forever.

**We accept the living bread that came from heaven.**

**We will walk with Christ through life's valleys.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

*“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, Harry Hatters, Frank Macuga,  
Chelsea and Kyle, Rev. Jason Thompson

We pray for the repose of the soul of Gus Frangos  
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.

### **OLD STONE CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC TODAY**



- \*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. 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 August 18**

- 10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:15AM** Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/  
Cuyahoga Room/Second Floor
- 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 Art Museum Tour

#### **Tuesday August 27**

- 6:30PM** Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

#### **Wednesday August 28**

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



**Last Sunday Attendance** In-Person:61 Online:170

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

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

**The Old Stone Quartet**

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

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