



# THE OLD STONE CHURCH

APRIL 13, 2025  
PALM SUNDAY  
**10AM Sanctuary Worship**

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "*Thine Is the Glory*"

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

\* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

# INTROIT

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

Arthur Hutchings

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;  
wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**This is the day that God has made;**

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;  
watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.**

**We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;  
enter to praise God's marvelous works.

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

## \* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**We stand together, mighty God,**

**for you have sustained us through weary days and anguished nights.**

**We join the shouts of welcome,**

**"Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."**

**This is a day of celebration.**

**We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus' compassion.**

**But there are ominous overtones.**

**There are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure.**

**We cling to our faith that your steadfast love embraces life and death,  
that we are surrounded and upheld by your goodness.**

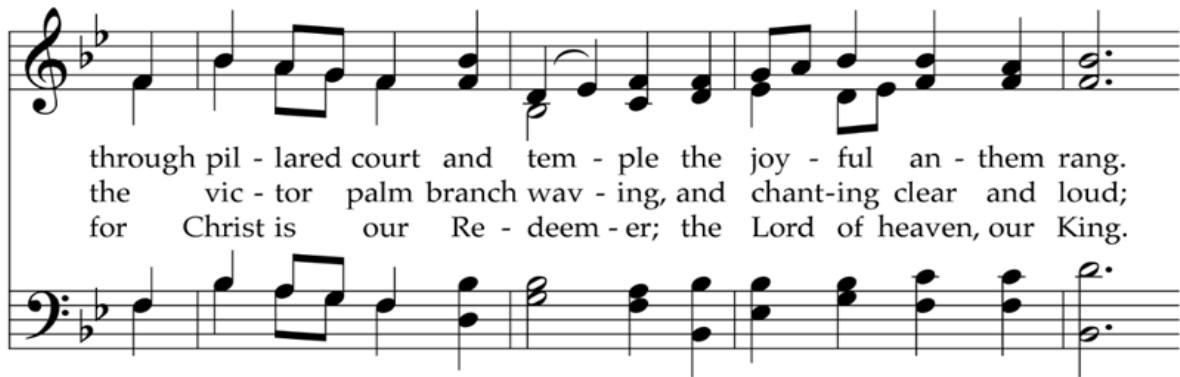
**Meet us here, we pray. Amen.**

## \* HYMN #197

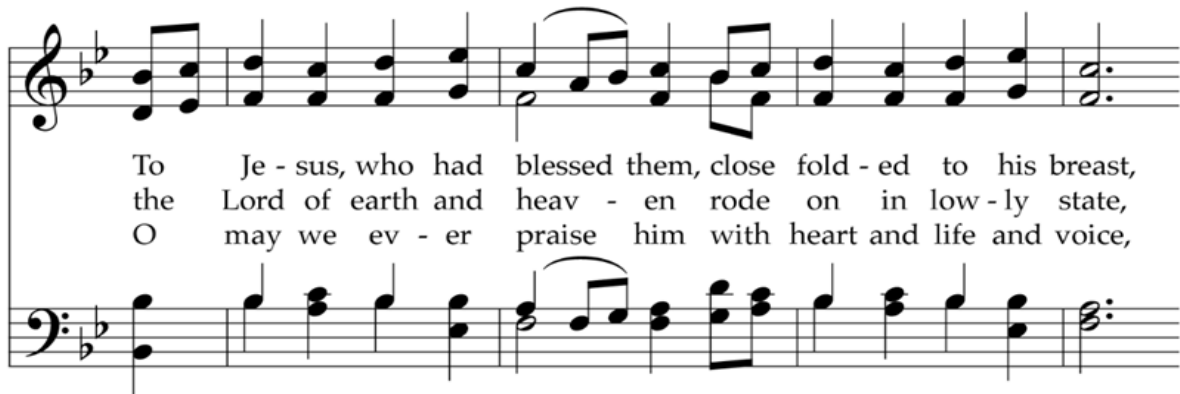
*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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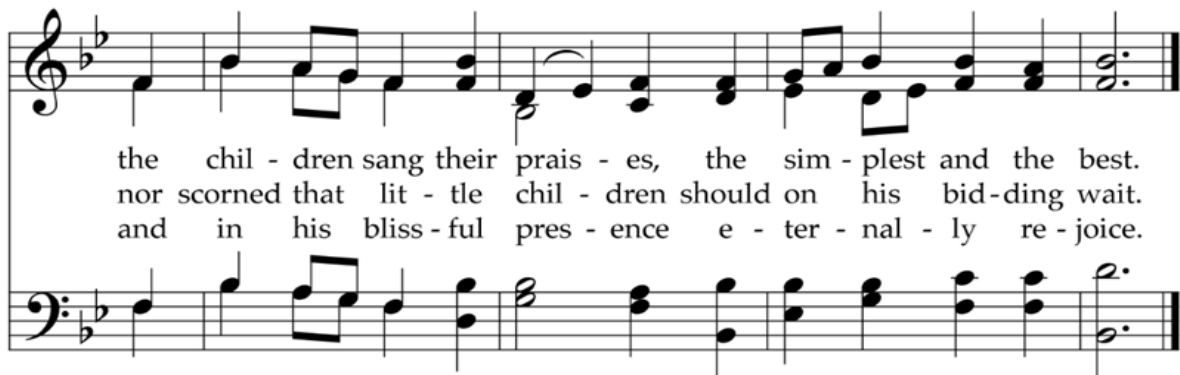
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an-cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud;  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.  
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

TEXT: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, alt.

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt.

ELLACOMBE

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## \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Kristi Sawicki

Come, all who are waving branches to welcome the Savior.  
When the light shines on us, we see the shadows we create.  
We sense our need for a faith more deeply grounded  
and a love more fully committed.  
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,  
followed by time for silent personal confession.  
Thus, we pray:

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God,  
that we identify with times of optimism and applause.  
We like a religion that makes us feel good.  
We prefer safety and security and certainty.  
Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders,  
proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue,  
challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger.  
When Christ upsets our craving for stability, we turn away from the risks.  
We do not want to be rejected or face a cross.  
We are not sure we really want to be Christians. O God, help us!**  
*(moment of silent confession)*

\* KYRIE ELEISON #575      *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*      KYRIE ELEISON



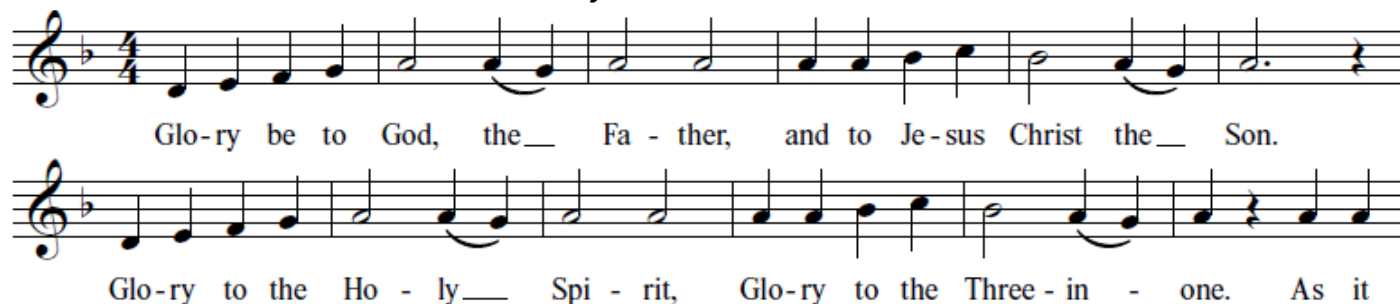
\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God contends with us in our fears, identifies our rebellion,  
and transforms our contrition into courage.  
Our Creator does not give up on us when we are discouraged  
or reject us when our pretensions get out of hand.  
God, who exalted Jesus, is ready to forgive and lift us up.  
Christ walks with us on the way of faithfulness,  
empowering us to become the disciples we are called to be.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* 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      *Glory Be to the Father*      PICARDY





was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A — men.

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.  
If Jesus Christ is to reign among us,  
much more will be needed  
than our praise and rejoicing when we are together.  
How do we witness and serve when we are apart?  
How much of ourselves and our substance will we invest?  
The offering will now be received.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Adoramus te in C minor*

Quirino Gasparini

Adoramus te, Christe,  
et benedicimus tibi,  
quia per sanctam crucem tuam  
redemisti mundum.

We adore you, Christ  
and we bless you  
you whom by the Holy Cross  
have redeemed the world.

### \* DOXOLOGY #608

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow*

PRAISE GOD

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kristi Sawicki

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Grateful for your grace that is new every morning  
and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us,  
we bring our gifts to your altar, O God.  
We dedicate our offerings and ourselves,  
that the reign of Jesus Christ may be realized and celebrated  
wherever Christians gather to worship  
and everywhere we scatter to serve.  
May every knee bow at the name of Jesus  
and every tongue confess that Christ is the world's salvation.  
May the needs of all your children be addressed  
by those who confess Jesus Christ.  
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

**Eternal God,  
quiet within us all mortal voices,  
that through the story of Palm Sunday  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

## THE READINGS

Psalter

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

*(Said responsively by whole verse.)*

I thank you YHWH, for your goodness!

Your love is everlasting!

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel say,**

**“God’s steadfast love endures forever.”**

<sup>19</sup> Open the gates of justice for me,

let me come in and thank you, YHWH!

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of YHWH;**

**and only the upright can enter!**

<sup>21</sup> Thank you for hearing me,

for saving me.

<sup>22</sup> **It was the stone which the builders rejected**

**that became the keystone;**

<sup>23</sup> this is YHWH’s doing,

and it is wonderful to see.

<sup>24</sup> **This is the day that YHWH has made—**

**let us celebrate with joy!**

<sup>25</sup> Please, YHWH, please save us!

Please, YHWH, give us prosperity now!

<sup>26</sup> **Blessings on the one who comes in the Name of YHWH!**

**We bless you from YHWH’s Temple!**

<sup>27</sup> YHWH is God,

and God has enlightened us.

Join the festal procession!

With palm fronds in hand,

go up to the horns of the altar!



<sup>28</sup> **You are my God, and I thank you;  
you are my God; I will exalt you.  
Thank you for hearing me,  
for saving me.**

<sup>29</sup> Thank you, YHWH, for your goodness!  
Your love is everlasting!

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

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

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40 (Inclusive Bible)

Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem. Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions, "Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you'll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it.'"

They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you doing that?" They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount. People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams  
"Witness to the Power of 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.**



Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)  
Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)  
F C Dm F Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)  
C Am Dm C G C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,  
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)  
Dm C Am Gm F C Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5-11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

We have testified to God's mighty works in Christ;  
we go into the world to carry on what Jesus began.

**We have learned what Christ has taught;**

**God's Word is in our hearts and on our tongues.**

Have the mind of Christ who did not grasp for power;  
reach for your full humanity, in humility and praise.

**The one who was rejected is head of the church;**

**we will follow in faith and trust where Christ leads.**

Be assured of God's continuing help and blessing;  
the steadfast love of God endures forever.

**We celebrate the name of Jesus above all other names.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

*Nine-fold Amen*

Allie Laurie

POSTLUDE

*Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*“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:**

Judy and Frank Macuga, Annie and Tony Carlos, Katheryn Maynard, Darlene,  
Shirley Caldwell, JoAnn Hood, Timothy Truitt, Donna Sue Buchanan, Shelley Wheeler,  
Patricia Kappe, Deborah, Shannice, Ken Topar, Evi, Paolo,  
the Medie and the Ramos families

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**

### **Sunday April 13/Palm Sunday**

**10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary

**11:30AM** Communion/Chapel

**11:30AM** Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/  
Cuyahoga Room/Second Floor

### **Tuesday April 15**

**7:00PM** Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

### **Wednesday April 16**

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

**7:00PM** Turning Over Tables Book Study/ZOOM

### **Thursday April 17 Maundy Thursday**

**6:00PM** Worship with Communion/Chapel

### **Friday April 18 Good Friday**

**12:15PM** Worship/Sanctuary

### **Sunday April 20/Easter Sunday**

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

### **Monday April 21/Easter Monday**

**Building and Offices Closed**

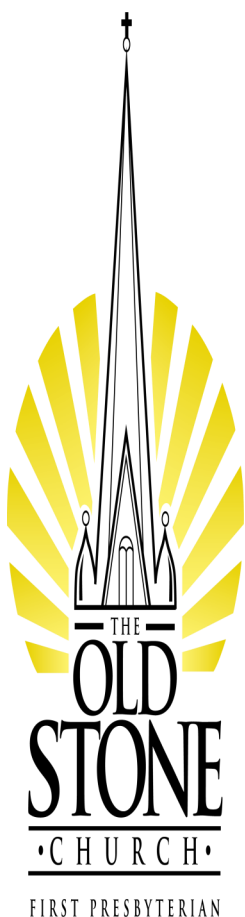
### **Tuesday April 22**

**7:00PM** Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM

### **Wednesday April 23**

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

**7:00PM** Turning Over Tables Book Study/ZOOM



**Last Sunday Attendance** In-Person:82 Online:281

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

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

## The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Cicely Schonberg, *soprano*

Val Sibila, *soprano*

Ian Atwood, *tenor*

Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Noah Whitaker, *tenor*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Reese Henrick, *alto*

Elizabeth Rickel, *alto*

R. Dominic Aragon, *bass*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

Albert Donze, *bass*

## Church Elders:

Clerk of Session: Beth Buchanan

### Class of 2025

Dorothy Baunach

Willie Brown

David Eifert

Dave Finley

Robert Hubert Jr.

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Judy Macuga

Melissa Maffia

Harriet Niles

Marty Vassel

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Fred Heider

Bernard Medie

Bob Reid

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Eileen Kelly

Elie Medie

Mark Pichler

### Class of 2026

Mark Corey

Forrest Diehl

Pam Daly

Ruth Finley

Alyssa Niepokny

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