



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

APRIL 6, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT WITH COMMUNION
10 AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

INTROIT

Create in Me

John Purifoy

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me, I pray.
 Restore to me now the joy of salvation and hold me with Thy free spirit.
 Create in me, a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks!
 Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**How good it is to be chosen by God;
 we gather to sing our praises and thanks.**

God has done great things for us; we are glad!
 Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;
 we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.**

Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.
 Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

**Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future;
 we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

**Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people.
 In our times of gloom, you have sent your light.
 When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up.
 In our thirst for meaning and purpose,
 you bring us to living water in Jesus Christ.
 Set before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities.
 Unite us in friendship with one another,
 with Christ as our center and inspiration.
 Amen.**

* HYMN #213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Sunny Kunche

How much easier it is to criticize others than to see our own faults.
How quickly we bemoan our suffering and struggles
instead of rehearsing all our reasons for gratitude and joy.
How often we cling to the past rather than heeding God's call to new life.
We are invited to confess our destructive attitudes.
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, whose upward call in Christ Jesus
we have so often chosen to ignore,
we confess that we settle for lesser goals
while you summon us to embrace the realm of heaven.
We seldom look beyond our own interests
to the well-being of our sisters and brothers.
We can see the wasteful acts of other people
but not our own selfish habits.
We exaggerate the contributions we make
but ignore the sacrifices of others.
We need forgiveness, O God.
Do a new thing within and among us.**
(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON #575

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON



* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God summons us to return and welcomes us with joy.
We are restored to full communion with the saints
and are united in the heavenly call of Christ.
Together, we find our horizons expanded and our priorities refined.
God forgives us and sets before us once more the promise of fullness of life.
Embrace God's pardon with renewed faith and joy.

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



OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated:

The most lavish gifts we can bring
are never enough to thank God for all we have received.
Yet the tiniest offerings we present do not escape God's notice
when presented with full commitment and devotion.
Let us give as we are able.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu from "Requiem"

Andrew Lloyd Weber
arr. Shaw

Leah Jennings-Brown, *soprano*
Stephen Brown, *tenor*

Pie Jesu
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem

Merciful Jesus
Who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest

Agnus Dei
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem
Sempiternam Requiem

Lamb of God
Who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest
Everlasting rest

* 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

Sunny Kunche

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**Beneficent God, we are glad for all the good things you have done for us.
We count everything as loss
before the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ.
Receive our costly offerings and our best efforts,
here dedicated for your use.
May Christ be proclaimed and the poor be saved
from the terrors of suffering and neglect.
Fill the hearts of all your children with laughter and joy.
To that end, bless our offerings.
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:

**Break open the scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God.
Let your Word, read and proclaimed,
pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives.
Then, anointed with your word,
send us out to share the good news we have received.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.**

THE READINGS

Psalms 126

When God Delivered Israel

SHEAVES

1 When God de-liv-ered Is-rael from bond-age long a-go, they
2 The god-less na-tions round them could not de-ny that power; they
3 O God, re-store our na-tion; come, ir-ri-gate dry souls, that
thought that they were dream-ing, but soon they turned to laugh-ing
cried, "O see this mar-vel!" "God's work," re-plied the peo-ple,
those who sow in sad-ness may reap their sheaves with glad-ness
and sang the song of joy, and sang the song of joy.
and so they sang for joy, and so they sang for joy.
and sing the song of joy, and sing the song of joy.

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21 (Inclusive Bible)

Thus says YHWH,
who made a road through the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who led chariots and warriors to their doom,
a mighty army fallen, never to rise,
snuffed out and extinguished like a wick:
"Forget the events of the past
ignore the things of long ago!

Look, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth—can't you see it?
I'm making a road in the desert
and setting rivers to flow in the wasteland.
Wild beasts will honor me—
the jackals and the ostriches—
for I put water in the desert,
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink,
these people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise."

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

With God's help we are listening.

Gospel

John 12:1-8 (Inclusive Bible)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the village of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they gave a banquet in Jesus' honor, at which Martha served. Lazarus was one of those at the table. Mary brought a pound of costly ointment, pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, wiping them with her hair. The house was full of the scent of the ointment. Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples—the one who was to betray Jesus—protested, "Why wasn't this ointment sold? It could have brought nearly a years wages, and the money been given to the poor people!" Judas didn't say this because he was concerned for poor people, but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the common fund and would help himself to it. So Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. You have poor people with you always. But you won't always have me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

"Future Possibilities"

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH

* HYMN #499

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

RENDEZ À DIEU

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Bread of the world in mer-cy bro-ken, Wine of the soul in mer-cy shed, by whom the words of life were spo-ken, and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sor-row bro-ken; look on the tears by sin-ners shed; so may your feast be-come the to-ken that by your grace our souls are fed.' The music features a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

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mer-cy shed, by whom the words of life were spo-ken,
and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sor-row
bro-ken; look on the tears by sin-ners shed; so may your
feast be-come the to-ken that by your grace our souls are fed.

This prayer-text divides into distinct halves, the first four lines being an extended address to Christ, and the last four being a series of petitions. These carefully crafted words are set to one of the most majestic tunes to emerge from the tradition of Reformed psalmody.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1543; rev. 1551; harm. *The Hymnal* 1940

RENDEZ À DIEU
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* INVITATION TO THE MEAL

This is the joyful feast of the People of God.
Men and women, youth and children,
come from the east and the west,
the north and the south and gather about Christ's table.
This table is for all who wish to know
the presence of Christ
and to share in the community of God's people.
It is not my table,
It is not Old Stone First Presbyterian Church's table,
it is the table of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
and all are welcome to receive.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

We give thanks, O Lord,
that the days are surely coming when all the world will see
the fulfillment of your promise of salvation.
You alone are our righteousness,
our only hope for justice and peace.

Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
In Christ, the tree of life, we have seen the first fruits of your holy realm.
Though heaven and earth may pass away, Christ's word stands secure.
Even now, we look for the day of his coming in power and great glory.
Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation
this bread and the fruit of the vine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves
to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night of his arrest, Jesus gathered around table with his companions.
He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melek 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."

He did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,

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

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

"This is the new covenant sealed in my blood.
Whenever you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me."

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, unite us with Christ
and with your church in all the world.

Teach us to pray night and day
that we may see you face to face.
Strengthen us in holiness, faithfulness, joy,
and love so that we may be ready
at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
We pray for all in need of healing,
whether it be in body, mind, or spirit...

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Ramos,
may his memory be a blessing.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray as our Savior has taught us:

**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.**

Sanctify and shape us into the image of Christ's body,
so that our lives may be a holy offering of love and praise.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Take this bread, share the fruit of the vine.
In these Christ comes to us with love from God.
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

Adoramus te in C minor

Quirino Gasparini

Adoramus te, Christe,
et benedicimus tibi,
quia per sanctam crucem tuam
redemisti mundum.
Qui passus es pro nobis,
Domine, Domine, miserere nobis.

We adore you, Christ
and we bless you
you whom by the Holy Cross
have redeemed the world.
He whom has suffered on our behalf
Lord, Lord, have mercy on us.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**O God, through this bread and this cup,
you have made us one with You
and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table
be a gift we carry out into Your world.
May this unity empower us
to make room for all of God's people.
Amen.**





1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would op -
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness! For the Lord of

plea - sure, tru - est friend to me; ah, how long I've
 press me can - not reach me here. Though the earth be
 glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in: God, who dear - ly,

pant - ed, and my heart has faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for
 shak - ing, ev - ery heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my
 loves us, from all tri - al saves us; gives sweet peace with-

thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb: noth - ing in the
 fear; light-nings flash and thun - ders crash: yet, though sin and
 in; I have borne this world-ly scorn; still in thee lies

world can hide thee; naught I ask be - side thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

The classic marriage of words and music that characterizes German chorales can be seen well in this simple but intense text voiced by an already elegant tune that Bach burnishes in his harmonization. Text and tune evoke each other and reinforce the ardor of those who sing.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The spirit of God sends us forth, a thankful people;
God goes with us, accomplishing new things among us.

We are God's chosen people, appointed for service.

May our lives proclaim our thanks and praise.

The great things God has done for us inspire our work.

We stretch and strive to reach new goals.

Day by day, we will listen for a new word from God;

hour by hour, we will dare to be faithful to God's call.

God will feed our hunger and quench our thirst

and will comfort us in our need and uplift us.

God's praise will continually be on our lips.

We will embrace God's future as we seek to follow Christ.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Nine-fold Amen

Allie Laurie

POSTLUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

J. S. Bach

*“My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

Psalms 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 family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Ramos,
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.



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



The Welcoming and Fellowship Committee will have wooden crosses to decorate in preparation for Easter at a table near the Chapel doors. Please return them on Palm Sunday April 13, 2025 to be displayed on Easter Sunday.

@ Old Stone Church

Sunday April 6/Lent V

10:00AM Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

12:00PM-4:00PM Elders and Deacons Retreat/ Gallery/Chapel

Monday April 7

7:00PM FPS Annual Meeting/Gallery

Tuesday April 8

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

4:10PM Guardians Home Opener/Progressive Field

Wednesday April 9

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

7:00PM Turning Over Tables Book Study/ZOOM

Thursday April 10

2:00PM Worship Committee Meeting/ZOOM

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

1:40PM Guardians/Royals/Progressive Field

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

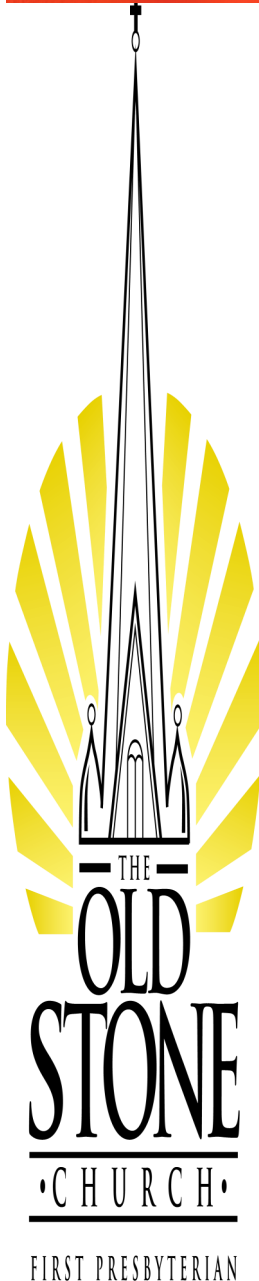
Sunday April 20/Easter Sunday

10:00AM Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

Monday April 21/Easter Monday

All Day/OSC Building and Offices Closed

Tuesday April 22 Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM



Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:85 Online:228

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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*

Samuel Jungman, *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.

Class of 2026

Beth Buchanan

Judy Macuga

Melissa Maffia

Harriet Niles

Marty Vassel

Class of 2027

Michelle Baron

Fred Heider

Bernard Medie

Bob Reid

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Eileen Kelly

Elie Medie

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