



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 22, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Pastorale on "*Nettleton*"

Phil Lehenbauer

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Liam Haggerty

INTROIT

As the Deer (Psalm 42)

Martin Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you!

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.

God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.

We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.

God seldom comes as earthquake, wind, or fire.

Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.

We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.

All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is a place to find healing and promise.

Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.

Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

God, our refuge and our hope,

come among us today to give us energy and purpose.

Move us beyond the discipline of the law to the discipleship of faith.

**Free us from the shackles of fear and a sense of failure
that keep us from stepping bravely into the future.**

Grant us the sense that we are not alone

**but are part of a great company of your faithful people
of every nation and tongue.**

Amen.

* HYMN #181

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

EBENEZER

1 "Si - lence! Fren-zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's
2 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the
3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our

heal - ing, Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't
gray cells of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and
mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we



* CALL TO CONFESSION

Bram Chisholm

When we ask to be delivered from deceitful and unjust people,
 we need to examine ourselves to see if we are completely honest and just.
 When we sense demonic forces in our world,
 we must ask if there is any evil in us.
 When we are tempted to exclude,
 we are met by an inclusive God who calls us to repentance.
 Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
 followed by time for silent personal confession.
 Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and Sovereign God,
we confess that we have broken covenant with you,
despised some of your children, and accused you of forgetting us.
Our lives do not praise you; our actions deny you,
and our work is carried out without reference to your will.
We draw lines of distinction among ourselves
rather than celebrating our common humanity.
We are zealous for the faith,
we trample on others rather than learning to know and appreciate them.
O God forgive us and change us.**

(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

When we want to be helped,
God is ready to pardon us and equip us for new life.
Wounded spirits are restored to wholeness.
Enemies can become friends.
We can grow in faith and love.
God puts a song on our lips and confidence in our hearts.
Praise God!

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.

God has richly provided all we need for life's journey.

What are we doing with God's bounty?

How much of ourselves and the resources we command
are we investing in the work God has called the church to do?

May our dedicated dollars reflect a consecrated congregation.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.

It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home.

Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear You say, "well done."

Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, Amen.

* DOXOLOGY #605

Praise to God the Father

DA N'ASE

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spirit:

Praise to the Three-in-One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.

Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bram Chisholm

Let us join our voices in prayer:

God of all times and places,

may our offerings reflect confidence, not cowardice;

altruism, not egotism;

inclusiveness, not exclusiveness.

We devote them to bringing all humanity

into harmony with your purposes.

May the programs we under-take

build up the body of Christ among us and far beyond us.

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, Holy, Holy One,
your words feed us,
the Word frees us,
and the Spirit gives us life.
Grant our ears an appetite for hearing
and our spirits strength for loving you.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Epistle

Galatians 3:23-29 (Inclusive Bible)

Before faith came, we were under the constraint of the Law, locked in until the faith that was coming would be revealed. In other words, the Law was our monitor until Christ came to bring about our justification through faith. But now that faith is here, we are no longer in the monitor's charge. Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, if you belong to Christ, you are the offspring of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Gospel:

Luke 8:26-39 (Inclusive Bible)

They came to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. Jesus was stepping from the boat when he was met by a person from the town who was possessed by demons. The demoniac had not worn clothes for a long time, and was homeless, living among the tombs instead. Seeing Jesus, the individual cried out and fell at his feet, shouting loudly, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Only Begotten of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torment me!" –for Jesus was ordering the unclean spirit to come out of the person. This spirit had seized the demoniac many times in the past, who then needed to be restrained with chains and shackles and under guard—yet every time, the possessed person would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into deserted places.

"What is your name?" Jesus asked. "Legion," it replied, because many demons had entered the person. And they pleaded with Jesus not to order them to depart into the abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding nearby on the hillside. The demons pleaded with Jesus to allow them to enter the swine, and he gave them permission. The demons left the person and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the hillside into the lake and drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran away to tell the story in town and throughout the countryside. The local residents came out to see what had happened. And as they approached Jesus, they also saw the exorcised person sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and of a right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had witnessed it told the others how the possessed one had been made whole. Panic overcame the whole population of the region of the Gerasenes, and they asked Jesus to leave them. When Jesus had gotten into the boat to leave, the person who had been healed asked to go with him. But Jesus said, "No, go back home and tell everyone what God has done for you." So the one who had been made whole went off and proclaimed throughout the region what Jesus accomplished.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Staying Put"

Pastor Sharon K. Core



* NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

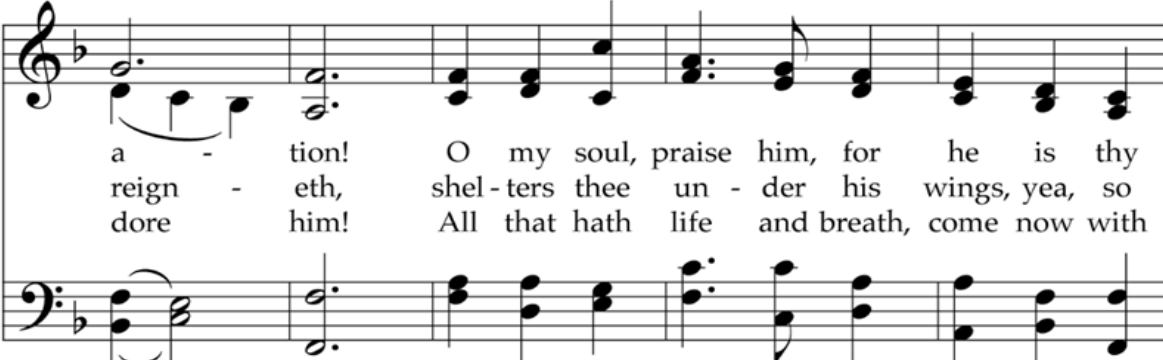
LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

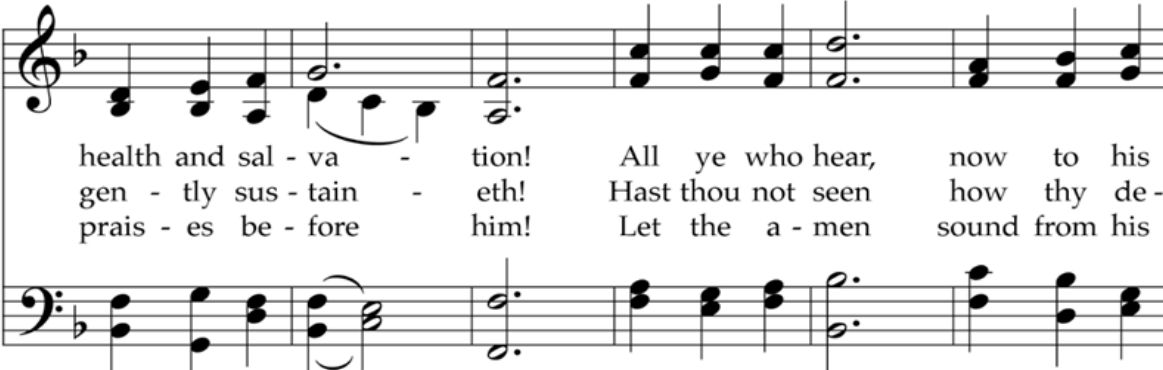
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



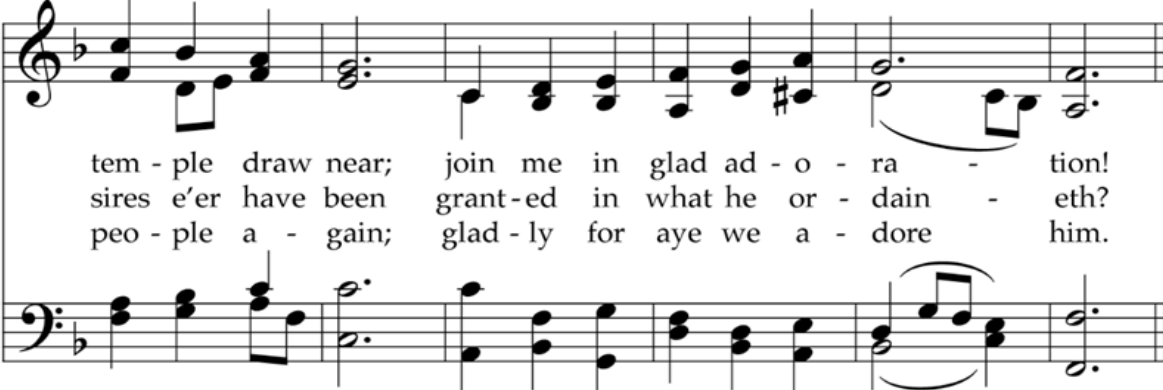
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has come quickly to aid and instruct us.

Now we depart to help others and to listen to them.

We will share our stories with the congregation.

We will witness in God's name to one another.

God's family includes those outside the church.

With God, there are no outsiders or insiders.

We will carry the grace of God without distinction.

God's abundant steadfast love will sustain us.

Daily, God asks, "What are you doing here?"

Moment by moment, God is with us to help us.

We will hope in God and sing God's praises.

We will look up with hope and confidence.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

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:

Bruce Baunach, Kim Bischel, David Damm, JoAnn Hood, Mary Jane Sykora,
Fred Heider, Judy and Frank Macuga, Annie and Tony Carlos,
Shelley Wheeler, Renita Jackson-Dix and family
Patti Hatters and family, Beth Buchanan and family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Harry Hatters,
may his memory be a blessing.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Donna Sue Buchanan,
may her 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.

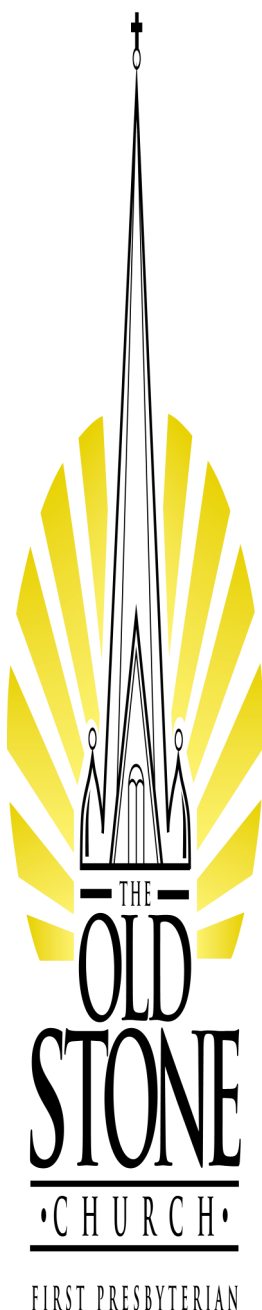


Please join us for Communion following the service this morning in the Chapel.

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

We welcome this morning to the pulpit, The Reverend Sharon K. Core.

The Reverend Sharon K. Core is General Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College and Columbia Theological Seminary both in Decatur, GA. She has served churches in Charleston, SC; Brevard, NC; Arlington, VA. She shares life with her husband Nick Kuhn.



@ Old Stone Church

Sunday June 22

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Tuesday June 24

6:30PM Stated Session Meeting/ZOOM

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

Wednesday June 25

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday June 26

7:00 PM FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

Sunday June 29

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

12:05PM Guardians/Cardinals/Progressive Field

Tuesday July 1

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

Wednesday July 2

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

6:00 PM Welcoming & Fellowship Committee Meeting/ZOOM

Friday July 4 Independence Day

All Day Building and Offices Closed

Sunday July 6

10:00AM Worship with Communion/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

11:30AM Welcoming & Fellowship Committee Pot Luck Luncheon/
Memorial Hall

1:40PM Guardians/Tigers/Progressive Field

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:73 Online:179

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Parish Associate: Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

Minister of Music: David L. Dettloff

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Stephen Brown *tenor*

Susan Fletcher, *soprano*

Rayna Brooks, *alto*

Christopher Clark *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

Church Deacons:

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

Class of 2027

Anand Bandari
Eric Grattan
Sunny Kunche
Lori Lippert
Amy Wheeler
John Wheeler

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