



THE OLD STONE CHURCH

JUNE 8, 2025
DAY OF PENTECOST-PRIDE SUNDAY
10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *I Will Sing with the Spirit* John Rutter

WELCOME Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

MINUTE FOR MISSION Phyllis Harris

INTROIT *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together because God has called us.

We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing.

We are together, old and young, rich and poor.

We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.

On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises:

the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit.

What will happen if we let the Spirit in?

On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God.

We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit.

We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**Amazing God, who created humanity as one people,
come among us now to reunify us.**

**Out of our differences,
create understanding and eagerness
to explore the variety among us.**

**Out of our narrowness,
fashion a breadth of involvement to feed our spirits.**

May we dream dreams and see visions.


**May we truly hear our sisters and brothers
and respond to them with empathy and love, in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

* HYMN

Come, O Holy Spirit

Owen Alstott



1. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! And from your ce -
2. You, of com - fort - ers the best; You, the soul's most
3. O most bless - ed Light di - vine, May that Light with -
4. Heal our wounds, our strength re - new; On our dry - ness
5. On the faith - ful who a - dore And con - fess you

1. les - tial home Shed a ray of light di - vine!
 2. wel - come guest; Sweet re - fresh-ment here be - low;
 3. in us shine, And our in - most be - ing fill!
 4. pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt a - way:
 5. ev - er more, In your sev'n - fold gift de - scend;

1. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Come, O Fa - ther of the
 2. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In our la - bor, rest most
 3. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In your ab - sence, we have
 4. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Bend the stub - born heart and
 5. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Give them vir - tue's sure re -

1. poor! Come, O Source of all our store! Come, with -
 2. sweet; Grate - ful cool - ness in the heat; Sol - ace
 3. naught, Noth - ing good in deed or thought, Noth - ing
 4. will; Melt the fro - zen, warm the chill; Guide the
 5. ward; Give them your sal - va - tion, Lord; Give them

1. in our bos - oms shine! Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 2. in the midst of woe. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 3. free from taint of ill. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 4. steps that go a - stray. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 5. joys that nev - er end. Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

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* CALL TO CONFESSION

Beth Buchanan

How often this week have we pondered the manifold works of God?
 How have we cared for this amazing planet?
 What have we done to encourage life at its fullest and best?
 We violate God's purposes by our neglect as well as by overt acts.
 God invites our confession.
 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, we have built cities for ourselves.
We have sought fame and fortune.
We have rushed through our days with unseeing eyes,
stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions.
We are more often enslaved by our fears than freed by your grace.
We demand proof of your existence but ignore the work of your hands.
We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary.
Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge.
Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves.**
(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

God promises to us an outpouring of the Spirit.
We will see signs and experience wonders
that we have not observed before.
When we call out to God, our healing, our salvation, will come.
God approaches us with open hands filled with good things.
When we are ready to be taught,
God grants new insights and a deep, abiding sense of peace.
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 made us heirs of great abundance
in order that we might use the resources entrusted to us
to benefit humankind. We are children of God,
called to share with the world the manifold works of our Creator.
Our offerings are one expression of our commitment.
The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Awake, My Soul

Elaine Hagenberg

Awake, my soul, I will awaken the dawn! Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Thy glory be over all the earth. For Thy steadfast mercy is great,
Thy faithfulness reaches to the skies. For Thy steadfast mercy is great,
Reaching to the heavens. Awake, my soul, I will awaken the dawn!

* DOXOLOGY #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia!

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Beth Buchanan

Let us join our voices in prayer:

**God of wind and fire,
may new life be breathed into the world
because of these gifts we return to you.
Grant us enhanced capacity to carry your revelation to others
in ways they can understand.
We seek to be to one another channels of your love and peace,
both in person and through the outreach of 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

**Holy Wisdom, you are the pillar of fire
that leads us into each new moment of our lives.
By the power of your Spirit,
settle now into our hearts and illumine your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

THE READINGS

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9 (Inclusive Bible)

Throughout the earth, people spoke the same language and used the same words. Now, as they moved eastward, they found a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They all said to one another, "Let us make bricks and bake them in the fire." They used bricks as building stones, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top can reach to heaven. Let us make a name for ourselves, to keep us from being scattered over the face of the whole earth."

YHWH came down to see the city and the tower these mortals had built. "They are a single people, with a single language," YHWH said. "And this is but the beginning of their undertakings! Now there will be nothing too hard for them to do. Come, let us go down and baffle their language so they can no longer understand one another." So YHWH scattered them over the face of the earth, and they had to stop building the city. It was named Babel, because YHWH made humans babble different languages throughout the world. It is from there that YHWH scattered them over the whole earth.

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

With God's help we are listening.

Epistle

Acts 2:1-21 (Inclusive Bible)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our own native tongue?”

We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—all Jews or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each another, “What does this mean?” But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say!

These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning!

No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

‘In the days to come—it is our God who speaks—

I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.

Your daughters and sons will prophesy,

your young people will see visions,

and your elders will dream dreams.

Even on the most insignificant of my people,

both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

And I will display wonders in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and billowing smoke.

The sun will be turned into darkness

and the moon will become blood

before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God.

And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams
“Pride and Pentecost”

* 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.**

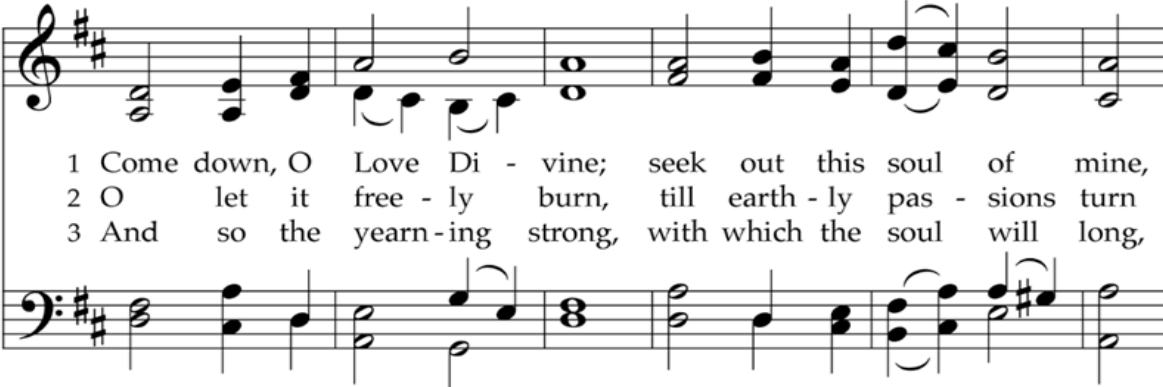
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**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.**

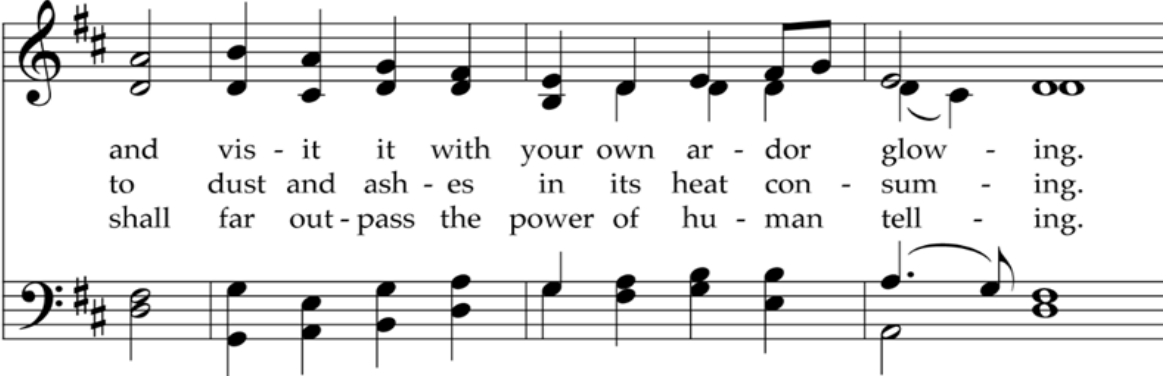
LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

All who believe in Jesus Christ are commissioned.

We are sent out to live and work as Jesus did.

We are sons and daughters of God.

We are heirs with Christ of all God has made.

The Holy Spirit has come to inspire and equip us.

We are empowered for greater works in Jesus' name.

We will praise our God while we have being.

We will testify to the good news of God's love.

The power of the first Pentecost is ours to claim.

The Holy Spirit offers us new ability to communicate.

We will heed the Spirit's promptings this week.

We will call on God's name day by day.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Old Hundredth"

Fred Bock

*"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:

David Damm, JoAnn Hood, Mary Jane Sykora, Fred Heider, Judy and Frank Macuga,
Harry Hatters, Annie and Tony Carlos, Donna Sue Buchanan, Shelley Wheeler

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.



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Sunday June 8/Pentecost-Pride Sunday

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

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

11:30AM Plant Exchange/Memorial Hall

1:40PM Guardians/Astros/Progressive Field

Tuesday June 10

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

Wednesday June 11

11AM-2PM Open Doors/Sanctuary

12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Thursday June 12

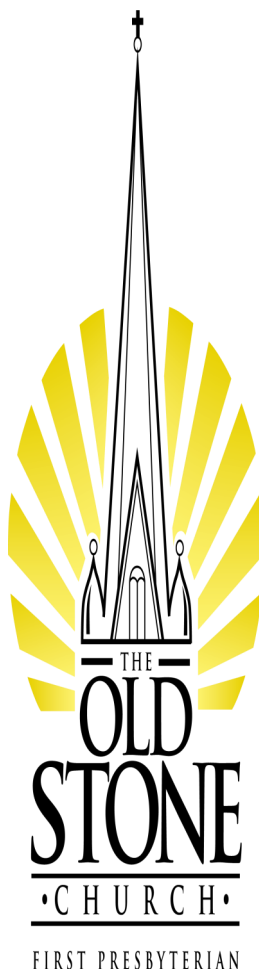
2:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting/ZOOM

Sunday June 15/Trinity Sunday

10:00AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:30AM Communion/Chapel

Last Sunday Attendance In-Person:113 Online:238



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Minister of Music: David L. Dettloff

The Old Stone Singers

Leah Jennings Brown, *soprano*

Kaya Sparks, *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*

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