Stone Church of the Brethren

November 26, 2023 "Revelation Abridged"

"Revelation was designed to be read aloud and heard all at once, in the context of worship... This is not optional; the Apocalypse must be grasped as a whole, for it simply cannot be understood verse by verse. It is a narrative, a drama with action and movement that conveys the message of each part within the context of the story in its totality."

-M. Eugene Boring

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| WELCOME | | Pastor Ben |
| PRELUDE | O God, Beyond All Praising Anthony Bullett arr | Gustav Holst Maurizio Machella |
| SETTING THE SCENE | Revelation 1 | Jamie White |
| *Song | When Peace Like a River^ | 336 vs. 1,2,4 |
| PERFORMANCE REVI | EWS Revelation 2-3 | Pastor Cindy |
| *Song | God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle^/ | 135 |
| TIME WITH OUR CHII | DREN Revelation 12 | Pastor Ben |
| MUSICAL REFLECTION | Precious Lord, Take My Hand Anthony Bullett | Thomas A. Dorsey arr. Wilbur Held |
| MATH TIME | Revelation 13 | Pastor Ben |
| Song | Precious Lord, Take My Hand^^ | 575 |
| TURNING POINT | Revelation 4-5 | |
| *Song | Holy, Holy, Holy^ | 120 vs 1,2,4 |
| SERVICE OF COMMUNION | | Pastor Cindy |

Unison Blessing for the Bread

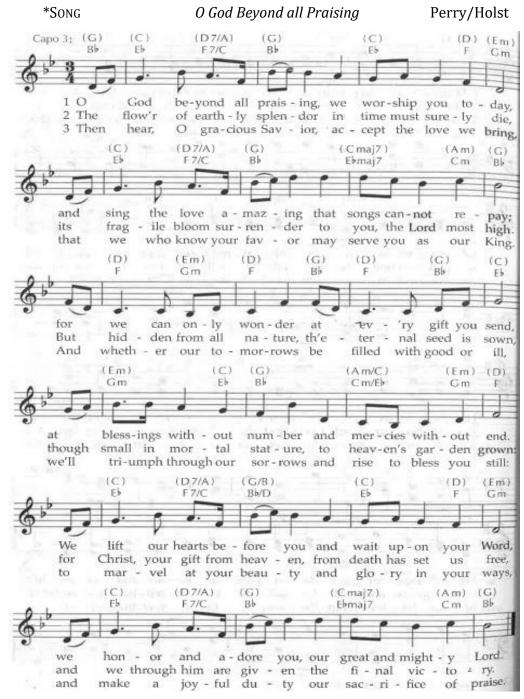
This is the bread of heaven, given for us.

Unison Blessing for the Cup

This is the cup of salvation, given for us.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Pastor Cindy



Pastor Sylvia Morris & Pastor Cindy

ANTHEM

Home^^

Heather Sorenson

Sylvia: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea of chaos was no more.

Cindy: And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice, shouting from the throne saying,

All: "See, the home of God is among mortals.

God will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;

Sylvia: God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

Cindy: Behold, I make all things new...

All: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

Sylvia: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city.

All: On either side of the river is the tree of life and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Cindy: And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be with them, and his servants will worship him; they shall see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Sylvia: These words are trustworthy and true: "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

All: Look! God's dwelling is here! God makes God's home with us - and always will. May this promise keep us forever!

Ev'ry heart without a home, ev'ry widow left alone, Ev'ry soul that is distressed, there is rest. Ev'ry prayer that has no voice or the freedom to rejoice, From the darkness be released: there is peace.

There is peace, there is rest,
There is hope for the broken, there is help for the weak.
There is peace, there is rest,
And the arms of God will hold you all the way.

Ev'ry sinner who's confessed, but in guilt is still oppressed By the sin that's been erased, there is grace. When the father's walked away, and the mother's left to pray, When the child has been disowned, welcome home.

Welcome home, welcome home.
Your sins have been forgiven, your stains washed away.
Welcome home, welcome home,
And the arms of God will lead you all the way.

Welcome home, welcome home, All your stains washed away. Welcome home, welcome home. You'll be led all the way.

Ev'ry soldier tired from war Who's been shaken to the core Rise on strength that's not your own, And come on home.

Come on home, come on home,
And the arms of God will guide you all the way.
Ev'ry heart without a home, ev'ry widow left alone,
Rise on strength that's not your own,
And welcome home.

Blessing

Revelation 22 (continued)

Jamie White

POSTLUDE

Soon and very Soon Anthony Bullett Andre Crouch arr. Glenda Austin