

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

WELCOME		Pastor Ben
PRELUDE	<i>O God, Beyond All Praising</i> Anthony Bullett arr. Maurizio Machella	Gustav Holst
SETTING THE SCENE	<i>Revelation 1</i>	Jamie White
*SONG	<i>When Peace Like a River</i> [^]	336 vs. 1,2,4
PERFORMANCE REVIEWS	<i>Revelation 2-3</i>	Pastor Cindy
*SONG	<i>God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle</i> ^{^^}	135
TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN	<i>Revelation 12</i>	Pastor Ben
MUSICAL REFLECTION	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> Anthony Bullett	Thomas A. Dorsey arr. Wilbur Held
MATH TIME	<i>Revelation 13</i>	Pastor Ben
SONG	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> ^{^^}	575
TURNING POINT	<i>Revelation 4-5</i>	
*SONG	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> [^]	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

*SONG

O God Beyond all Praising

Perry/Holst

Capo 3: (G) Bb (C) Eb (D7/A) F7/C (G) Bb (C) Eb (D) (Em) F Gm

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day,
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

(C) Eb (D7/A) F7/C (G) Bb (Cmaj7) Ebmaj7 (Am) (G) Cm Bb

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high.
 that we who know your fav-or may serve you as our King.

(D) F (Em) Gm (D) F (G) Bb (D) F (G) Bb (C) Eb

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
 But hid-den from all na-ture, th'e-ter-nal seed is sown,
 And wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

(Em) Gm (C) Eb (G) Bb (Am/C) Cm/Eb (Em) (D) Gm F

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

(C) Eb (D7/A) F7/C (G/B) Bb/D (C) Eb (D) (Em) F Gm

We lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your Word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,

(C) Eb (D7/A) F7/C (G) Bb (Cmaj7) Ebmaj7 (Am) (G) Cm Bb

we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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.

**Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit
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