STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

February 21, 2021, First Sunday of Lent

Again & Again, God Meets Us

God meets us at the edge of things—in suffering, uncertainty, reluctance God meets us at the edge and promises to stay with us, watching over us through the wilderness of our lives. Where are the edges in your life right now and how is God meeting you there?
~Lisle Gwynn Garrity

PRELUDE	*My Jesus, I Love Thee* Loren and Donna Rhodes	A. Gordon/ arr. S. Eithun
WELCOME**		Pastor Ben
SONG	*God, fill me now** Nora, Luke, and Kim Roth	Gnadenthal/ Heizmann

God, fill me now, fill me with your Holy Spirit.
You give me life, and you draw me to your presence.
Here before you now; see, my hands are empty.
God, fill me now with you.

God, fill me now, with a constant faith abiding.
Looking to you will awaken faith in others.
Here before you now; see, my hands are empty.
God, fill me now with you.

SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 1: 9-13	Mark Meckstroth
TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN		Pastor Cindy
SCRIPTURE READING	Genesis 9: 8-17	Mark Meckstroth
INTERLUDE	*There is a Well**	Tom Conry
POEM**	*Remember When* by Sarah Are	Stacia-Fe Gillen
SONG	*There is a Well** Marty Keeney	Tom Conry
SPOKEN PRAYER		Pastor Ben
PRAYER SONG	*O God, who gives us life**	Daw/Shively

O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
Who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
Deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.

O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
To plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
When we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
Refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.

MESSAGE	Desert Living	Pastor Cindy
SONG	*I am weak and I need thy strength**	Doris M. Akers
SENDING**		Pastor Cindy
RESPONSE	*I am weak and I need thy strength**	Doris M. Akers
POSTLUDE	Blest Be the Tie that Binds Donna and Loren Rhodes	J. Nägeli/ arr. L. Mason/L. Shackley

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<u>Announcements</u>

- This is the third Sunday of the month – food pantry Sunday! Please consider sending a monetary donation to the church, designated for the Food Bank.
- Lenten Art Devotional Series, hosted by Donna Rhodes, continues Tuesdays at 7pm.