

# STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

September 10, 2023

*Faces of our Faith: The Daughters of Zelophehad*

*[These women] took the shape of the tent of meeting, a place where they were met by powerful men, a place of sacrifice and worship—not a place where a woman’s voice was often heard. The text says the women came forward; they stood, they spoke, they questioned, and they even demanded. Any one of those actions alone is difficult for the unseen and unheard. All they wanted was to receive the inheritance of their father and to keep his name from fading. I’m sure the pain of their father’s death was potent, but they needed to be recognized, valued, and seen as human beings in order to survive. — Lauren Wright Pittman*

WELCOME Pastor Cindy

PRELUDE *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* Thomas A. Dorsey,  
Anthony Bullett arr. Gene Roberson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Cindy

One: Look around, church - look at all of us gathered here:  
young and old, hurting and happy, haves and have-nots,  
fully alive and barely scraping together the energy to be present.  
Look around at all of us.

**All: See the splendor and beauty of God’s people.**

One: We believe that God’s steadfast love endures forever  
- that God’s faithfulness is to all of us.  
So we praise with hands, heart, voice, and mind.

**All: But doubts also crowd in:  
Will God be with us when it matters?  
Is what I have to give enough?  
Does my part make a difference?**

One: And so we look around. At all of us gathered here.  
With faith that is bold and timid, fiery and fragile, hopeful and  
honest. And together we pray for the Spirit to move us,  
empower us, comfort and confront us.  
For the Spirit to set all of God’s people free.

\*SONG *If You Believe and I Believe<sup>^</sup>* 1101  
*(sing twice)*

DEACON CALLING

SONG *Live in Charity\** Bertier  
Live in charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with us.

SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 27: 1-11 Jessica Buterbaugh

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Ben

SONG *O Lord, Hear My Prayer<sup>^</sup>* 348  
*(sing several times)*

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Cindy

CHORAL RESPONSE *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God<sup>^</sup>* Colin Gibson  
*(text in insert)*

MESSAGE Adjusting Course Pastor Ben

\*SONG *My Soul Cries Out<sup>^</sup>* Rory Cooney  
*(see insert)*

\*SENDING Pastor Ben

POSTLUDE *“Expression for Organ No. 8”* Jean Langlais  
Anthony Bullett

\*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit  
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CHORAL RESPONSE    *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God*<sup>^</sup>    Colin Gibson

Nothing is lost on the breath of God, nothing is lost forever;  
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,  
Holding the world forever.

No feather too light, no hair too fine, no flower too brief in its glory,  
No drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,  
But is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God, nothing is lost forever;  
God sees with love, and that love will remain,  
Holding the world forever.

No journey too far, no distance too great, no valley of darkness too  
blinding; no creature too humble, no children too small  
For God to be seeking and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God, nothing is lost forever;  
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,  
Holding the world forever.

No impulse of love, no office of care, no moment of life in its fullness;  
No beginning too late, no ending too soon,  
But is gathered and known in its goodness.

\*SONG                      *My Soul Cries Out*<sup>^</sup>                      Rory Cooney

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who  
wait. You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you  
did not spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest, could the  
world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!

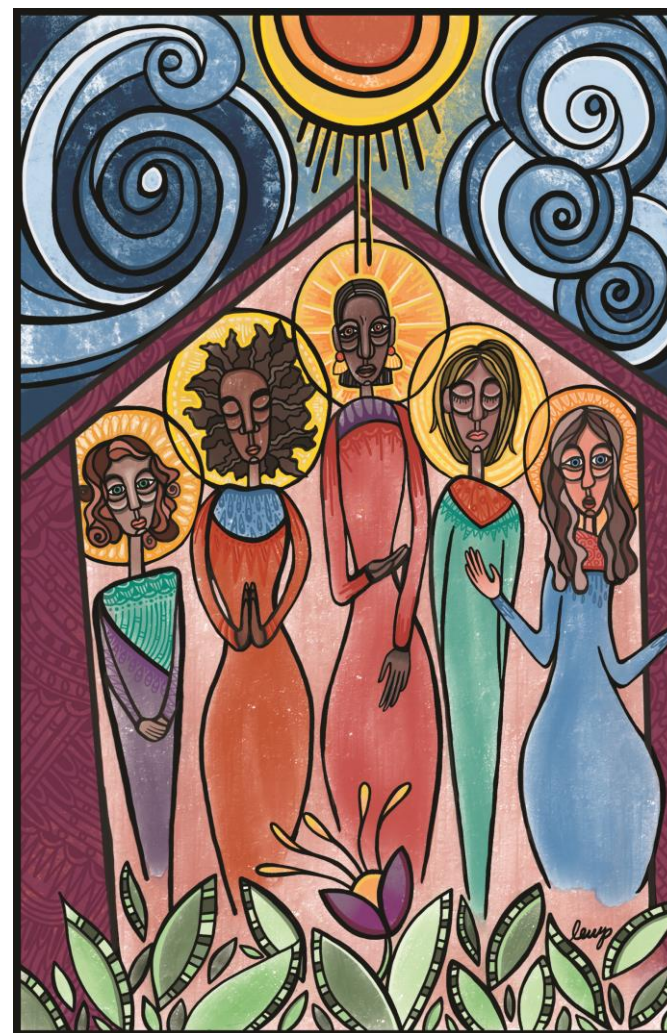
Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age  
to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would  
for you yearn, You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

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My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise that holds us  
bound, 'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!



## Stone Church Deacon Calling

At this time of year, we reach out to you, the congregation, to call Deacons. Today we ask that you prayerfully consider names of people you think may be a good Deacon. We ask that you write those names below, of those you feel should be "called in" to service. Keep in mind that Stone Church deacons are members of the church, called from this body to be dedicated caregivers, using their spiritual gifts to support our community of faith and pastors. Each member of the deacon body shall be called to a three-year term, with no limit to the number of terms the church may call them. Deacon terms shall be staggered.

The Deacons Discernment Team will collect the suggested names and prayerfully discern which members are being called to the deacon role. Those members will be contacted by the Deacon Discernment Team and informed of the call. The names of those who accept the call will be shared with the congregation and affirmed at a date to be determined. On the other side is a list of current Deacons for your information.

Names:

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DEACON	TERM EXPIRES
Marty Keeney	2023 - May be elected to another term
Daisy Decker	2024
Jeff Decker	2024
Patti Paterson	2024
Phil Paterson	2024
Bill Peters	2024
Barb Purdy	2024
Darlene Chivers	2025
Carol Fultz	2025
Brenda Furry	2025
Janis Jones	2025
Bruce Lidston	2025
Carolyn Lidston	2025
Barb Parlett	Retiring from service at end of 2023