

# STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

September 12, 2021

*“What’s your story? Where’s home? What makes you, you? How has the particularity of place shaped who you are? Whose are you? Who are your people? What assumptions do you need to disrupt? Where is God calling you to ‘come and see’?”*

*-Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity*

PRELUDE *Prelude on “Aurelia”* Samuel Wesley/  
Loren and Donna Rhodes Arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND INVOCATION Pastor Ben

SONG *A Covenant of Grace*<sup>^</sup> Anna & David  
David Meadows Strickland

We all come from the dusty earth  
And from the places of our birth  
Ancestral stories, who we’ll be  
We bring it all to “come and see”

Surprised by God’s unbounded love  
From many walks of life we come  
To build a covenant of grace  
And in our differences embrace

SCRIPTURE READING John 1: 35-51 Jessica & Cory  
Buterbaugh

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

SONG *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?*<sup>^</sup> Shirley Murray/  
David Meadows Jack Schrader

Love will relate us – color or status  
Can’t segregate us, round Jesus Christ:  
Family failings, human derailings —  
All are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

VIDEO *“Where are you from?”* Dr. Raj Nadella

SONG *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?*<sup>^</sup> Shirley Murray/  
Jack Schrader

Bound by one vision, met for one mission  
We claim each other round, Jesus Christ:  
Here is my mother, here is my brother,  
Kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

POEM *We Are Not Strangers* by Rev. Sarah Are<sup>^</sup> Pastor Cindy

SONG *What Good Can Come From Nazareth?* Carolyn Winfrey  
Gillette\*\*

“What good can come from Nazareth? Can any good at all?”  
Nathanael said to Philip when he heard Philip’s call.  
The prophets never praised it — that little backwoods place.  
He thought God wouldn’t choose it to be a means of grace.

“What good can come from strangers?” O God we hear the shout.  
For some hate other people and seek to push them out.  
May we who follow Jesus be glad to “Come and see!”  
May we learn from each other with true humility.

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Ben

SONG *What Good Can Come From Nazareth?* Carolyn Winfrey  
Gillette\*\*

MESSAGE Come and See Pastor Cindy

SONG *What Good Can Come From Nazareth?* Carolyn Winfrey  
Gillette\*\*

O God of all our cultures, now make us one, we pray.  
May we see your grace working in all your lands this day.  
May we hear others’ stories — what makes them sad or strong,  
Till — listening — we find friendship, with love our common song.

SENDING Pastor Cindy

POSTLUDE *The Gift of Love* John Carter/  
Donna and Loren Rhodes Arr. Hal Hopson

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