

STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

September 24, 2023

Faces of Faith: Anna

"[Anna] saw and she knew, so she lived out her days giving thanks for the promise of a world made new."

~ Lisle Gwynn Garrity

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus* Schlesische Volkslieder/
Terry Murray & Tara Yorke arr. Gary Lanier

WELCOME Pastor Ben

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 84)

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**All: Blessed are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

One: My soul longs, even faints for your courtyards.

**All: My heart and my body rejoice out loud
to the living God!**

One: Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

**All: A single day in your courtyard is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**All: Blessed are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

*SONG *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues* 110 vs 1,2,4,5
Tara Yorke, Catherine Weld, Marty Keeney

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2: 21-38 Pastor Cindy

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

SONG *Fairest Lord Jesus*[^] 117 vs 1,2

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

SONG *Fairest Lord Jesus*[^] 117 vs 4

MESSAGE Being Anna Morgan Knepp

ANTHEM *This is My Word*^{^^} Pepper Choplin
(text in insert)

SENDING Morgan Knepp

POSTLUDE Terry Murray

*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit

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This Is My Word - Pepper Choplin

As the snow falls from heaven
As it comes in swirling showers from the sky,
So is my Word.

As the rains bring the waters
To the earth that is thirsty and dry,
So is my Word.

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;
It will bless the earth wherever it is heard.
This is my Word.

As the rains bring renewal
And the tender buds begin to come alive,
So is my Word.

Giving seed to the sower,
And the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive,
So is my Word.
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And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;
It will bless the earth wherever it is heard.
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O Lord, when I am weary,
When I feel the days I'm living or in vain.
My God, help me be faithful
To the Word you have given to proclaim.
Proclaim the Word!

You will go out in joy
And be led forth in peace,
And the hills will break before you into song.
So be faithful, brave, and true
For I will go before you.

And when your earthly journey here is done.
I'll say well done,

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Well done!

As the snow falls from heaven
And the rain comes in showers from the sky,
This is my Word.



Anna the Prophets by Lisle Gwynn Garrity