

Stone Church of the Brethren

April 28, 2024

Youth Sunday

WELCOME Pastor Ben

PRELUDE *Bell Peal on All Creatures of Our God and King*[^]
Linda R. Lamb
Stone Church Ringers, Sharon Yohn Directing

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from John O'Donahue's *Benedictus*)

One: A threshold is not a simple boundary;
it is a frontier that divides two different territories,
rhythms and atmospheres.

Two: Indeed, it is a lovely testimony to the fullness and
integrity of an experience or a stage of life that it
intensifies towards the end into a real frontier that
cannot be crossed without the heart being passionately
engaged and woken up.

**All: At this threshold a great complexity of emotion comes
alive: confusion, fear, excitement, sadness, hope.**

One: This is one reason why such vital crossings were always
clothed in ritual.

Two: And so we gather in the ritual of worship, celebrating the
faithfulness of God in and through all of life's changes.

*SONG *God of the Bible*[^] v 1,2,5
(See insert)

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

MUSIC *Joseph's Coat* Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 28:16-20*

ANTHEM *Holy Spirit, Breath of God*[^] Linda R. Lamb
Stone Church Ringers

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

REFLECTION Catherine Weld

*SONG *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*[^] 229 v 1,2,3

REFLECTION Nina Meadows

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG *Spirit of Life*[^] 1129

REFLECTION *The Next Chapter* Pastor Cindy

*SONG *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*[^] 640

*SENDING (adapted from John O'Donahue's *Benedictus*)

POSTLUDE *The Heavens Are Telling* Beethoven/Arr. Lindell
Loren Rhodes Leatherman

*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit

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God of the Bible

FRESH AS THE MORNING* 55. 54. 55. 54 with refrain

D A/C# G/B D Bm D/F#

1 God of the Bi - ble, God in the Gos - pel, hope seen in Je - sus,
2 God in our strug - gles, God in our hun - ger, suf - fer - ing with us,
3 Those with - out sta - tus, those who are noth - ing, you have made roy - al,
4 Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger will our world or - der
5 Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain through all our tur - moil,

Em A Bm D/A G D

hope yet to come, you are our cen - ter, day - light or dark - ness,
tak - ing our part, still you em - pow'r us, moth - er - ing Spir - it,
gift - ed with rights, cho - sen as part - ners, mid - wives of jus - tice,
change in a day, but by your peo - ple, fear - less and faith - ful,
ter - ror and loss, bond - ing us glad - ly one to the oth - er,

Em D/F# G Asus A

free - dom or pris - on, you are our home.
feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart.
birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new lights.
small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the way.
till our world chang - es fac - ing the cross.

Refrain D A/D G/D D Em D/F#

Soprano (Melody)

Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al - ways faith - ful,
Fresh as the sun - rise, al - ways faith - ful,
you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,
you do not change. Fresh as the sun - rise,
God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.
al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

Em A D A/D G/D D

Em D/F# G/A D A/D

G/D D A/D G/D D



On Feb. 1, we rolled out our **Grocery Card Subscription Program** where Stone Church receives 5% of Weis and Giant Grocery Cards purchased in advance and picked up on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Did you know that you can use Giant Grocery Cards to purchase gasoline for your vehicle? Most folks buy gas somewhere, right? So, if you haven't participated yet ... or are looking for ways to increase your monthly grocery card purchases, give it a try! You may ask, "There's no chip and you can't tap it, so how do you do it?"

- Instead of tapping or dipping for chip-enabled cards, you insert the card like you would to read a chip, with the magnetic strip facing to the right. Then, remove it fairly quickly.
- It will ask, "Do you want to use the whole amount?"
- Reply "yes" and don't worry. It will only deduct the amount of the sale.
- Ask for a receipt at the end and it will show the remaining balance on your Giant Grocery Card (if any).
- If the balance on your card *is not enough* for the entire sale, just reset the cradle that holds the nozzle and run a second transaction with *another* card for the balance.
- The other card can be a credit or debit card or another Giant Grocery Card.

Thank you for helping Stone Church meet its budget goals!



Guatemala Circle Update

We are excited to announce that our Guatemalan partners at the *Asturias Academy* were able to get visas for 5 of their current students and alumni aged fourteen to twenty-one to spend two weeks with us, accompanied by 3 staff members, from July 16-30. If you are interested in hosting and/or helping to organize activities and the schedule for their visit, please contact Henry Thurston-Griswold (thurston@juniata.edu or 814-386-0699) as soon as possible! We will schedule a planning meeting early in May.

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Held in-person this Thursday, May 2nd, from 6pm - 7pm
This event is held in-person the first Thursday of every month in the Stone Church Conference Room.

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Or have you ever wanted to learn? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a great way for you to use those skills! This ministry provides comfort and love from the Stone Church congregation to those who experience challenging times. The shawls are tangible reminders of God's ever-present hope and peace freely given to us. Placed around shoulders or across a lap, a prayer shawl provides a comforting touch. The Prayer Shawl ministry offers shawls to anyone who might feel the benefit and comfort of this tangible item. If you would have any questions on joining the ministry or you would like a shawl, please reach out to Pastor Cindy, Pastor Ben, or Donna Rhodes (dmrhodes1012@verizon.net 814-599-3680).

Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 4 at 8am @ the First United Methodist Church in Mount Union

This event offers an opportunity for local women from many different denominations and congregations to share their faithful Christian convictions with stories, prayer, and song. This month, Pam Thomas will be the speaker. Contact Pam Grugan for more information!

Office Hours

- Normal office hours are as listed below. Feel free to contact the office by phone or email as well!
Monday - Wednesday 9am - 3pm and Thursdays 9am - 1pm