

Stone Church of the Brethren

November 19, 2023

21st Century Faith: What does it mean to be Human?

"Howard Thurman in his memorial for Dr. King...'[Dr. King] was killed in one sense because [hu]mankind is not quite human yet. May he live because all of us in America are closer to becoming human than ever before.' We are not quite human yet, but we are becoming human. This was true then, and this is still true. We are becoming human."

- Luke A. Powery

**All: When I look up at the heavens, at the work of Love's creation, at the infinite variety of your Plan,
Who am I that You rejoice in me?
Who are we that you delight in us?
You have made us in your image,
You fill us with your love,**

One: You have made us co-creators of the earth!
We are guardians of the planet,
To care for all your creatures, to tend the land, the sea, and the air we breathe, All that you have made,
You have placed in our hands.

**All: O God, my Beloved,
How powerful is your Name in all the earth!**

WELCOME		Pastor Ben	*SONG	<i>God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens[^]</i>	414
PRELUDE	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	Robert Kreutz Keith Sutton	PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY		Pastor Ben
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>(See back of bulletin)</i>	Pastor Ben	RESPONSE	<i>Live in Charity[^]</i> <i>(sing several times)</i>	J. Bertier
*SONG	<i>In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful[^]</i> <i>(sing several times)</i>	**HS 1025		Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity—God will dwell with us.	
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 8	Phil Paterson	MESSAGE	Who are we?	Pastor Cindy
TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN		Pastor Cindy	ANTHEM	<i>O God Who Made Us in Your Likeness[^]</i> <i>(See insert for text)</i>	Carl Daw/ Alfred Fedak
*POEM	<i>Psalm 8</i> by Nan Merrill	Patti Paterson	SENDING		Pastor Cindy
One: O God, my Beloved, How powerful is your Name in all the earth! You, whose glory is sung in heaven by the angels and saints, Who with the innocence and spontaneity of a child, Confound those who are mighty and proud, You comfort the unloving and fearful.			POSTLUDE	<i>Prelude in E minor</i> Keith Sutton	JS Bach

*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit
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**HS denotes Hymnal Supplement

**Let us know you
were here!**



O God Who Made Us in Your Likeness

Carl Daw/Alfred Fedak

O God, who made us in your likeness
And gave the world into our care
That we might rule and serve creation,
We come before you with this prayer:
Restore in us your image, O God.

To bear your image gives us freedom
To love, to reason, and to choose;
Yet we fall short of your intention
And our creative pow'rs abuse.
Restore in us your image, O God.

Where shall we turn when our ways fail us?
We have no help, but God alone.
Teach us, O God, your truth; reclaim us,
Till in our lives your will is known.
Restore in us your image, O God.

Stay after the service TODAY for our 21st Century Faith - Experts Among Us Series

With each session in this non-consecutive series, we'll explore the ways our 21st century experience impacts our understanding of what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus. Today in worship, we'll be exploring the question of "What it means to be human...".

Then AFTER worship, we'll hear from "Expert Among Us". Ryan Wetzel as he leads a conversation downstairs in the Fellowship Hall around issues of ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided!

Community Thanksgiving Service -TODAY, November 19th at 3pm

Join with other churches from across our community in a Community Thanksgiving Service at the Oasis of Love Church on the afternoon of November 19th. Our very own Will Robbins will be preaching at the service!

NEXT Sunday - Christ The King Sunday Service on the book of Revelation

In celebration of Christ the King Sunday, November 26, our worship will carry us through an abridged version of the book of Revelation. It will be a chance for the book to come alive before our eyes - and do in us what it may do. As part of the service, we will be celebrating communion together as a family of faith. We are also excited that several members of the Payne Church will be joining us for worship!

Alternative Christmas Gifts Bazaar is almost here!

Make your plans now to attend our Alternative Christmas Gifts Bazaar, Saturday December 2, from 10-3pm in Ellis Ballroom on the campus of Juniata College! It is a wonderful way to get into the spirit of the season while doing good in the community and out in the world!