

STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

November 27, 2022

From Generation to Generation...There's room for every story
First Sunday in Advent

"In that long list of names, we remember the trauma and triumph of those who came before; each name holds a story and their story gives way to Christ's story. God works through the unexpected people and stories of the past and present. When you zoom in, you may not be able to see how each character propels the story forward, but when you zoom out, you can see how each story is woven together into a larger tapestry." ~ Lisle Gwynn Garrity

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Gilbert Martin
Anthony Bullett

WELCOME Loren Rhodes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** Henry and CC Elder,
Betty Ann Cherry, Jessica Buterbaugh

*SONG *Come! Walk in the Light^* Wright/Clemens
Come! Walk in the light.
Come! Walk in the light of day.

*PRAYER Loren Rhodes

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:1-17 Marty Keeney

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN *The Family Book* Rev. Lauren Seganos Cohen
by Todd Parr

*SONG *The God of Abraham Praise^^* 162, vs. 1,3

POEM *Room*** Belle Tuten
by Sarah Are Speed

MUSICAL REFLECTION *In Faith I Quiet Wait* J.S. Bach/
arr. Van Denman Thompson

UNISON PRAYER**

Loren Rhodes

God, help us to see our story in Your story. In your promises to Abraham, your wrestling with Jacob, your walking with Ruth and your speaking with Moses. Your grieving with Bathsheba, dancing with David, dreaming with Joseph and hoping with Mary. Help us believe in the story you have been writing from generation to generation: loving, inviting, transforming and challenging us. Help us to sense that you are with us right now, saying to each of us, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen

SONG *Lo, How a Rose^^* 211, vs. 1,2

TIME OF PRAYER Loren Rhodes

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8: 18-27

MESSAGE *There's Room for Every Story* Rev. Lauren Seganos Cohen

*SONG *Through the Ages*** Anna Strickland

Oh down through the ages and generations
From God in the garden to Jesus the Son
Each story was woven, each one has a place
Within the great tapestry telling God's grace
From Abraham, Isaac, and Israel's line
How Rahab and Ruth and Bathsheba survived
From exile in Egypt to Babylon far
Christ's lineage shows how complex stories are
And still through the ages our stories will find
Belonging in God's story of humankind
From God in the garden to eternity
We're woven together as one tapestry

*SENDING Rev. Lauren Seganos Cohen

POSTLUDE *Savior of the Nations, Come* arr. Gilbert Martin
Anthony Bullett

*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit

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