

# Stone Church of the Brethren

February 11, 2024

21st Century Faith: Experts Among Us  
Our Community Mental Health

*"Despite how common depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges are, in the church we are often silent about this kind of suffering. Mental illness is known in the church as the "non-casserole" disease. The historic shame and stigma associated with mental illness creates real barriers to getting treatment because people keep silent for fear of being judged, rejected or abused."  
- Sarah Griffith Lund*

WELCOME Pastor Ben  
PRELUDE *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* African American Spiritual/  
Donna & Loren Rhodes arr. Sandra Etham

## SEEING EACH OTHER

\*RESPONSIVE INVOCATION (written by Dr. Tom Reynolds) Pastor Ben

One: O God, come into our place of worship this day  
and enliven us.

**All: Come into each heart, each story, each prayer,  
each song, each life here today so that we may live  
and love with purpose, courage, and beauty.**

One: O God, who has created each of us in your image and made us  
one body, each as holy vessels of your presence to one  
another, create in and among us a holy place.

**All: Give us hearts and minds, we pray, to be open to  
human vulnerability,**

One: To listen to each other with patient and thoughtful attention  
and support. To perceive the grace of the differences in our  
embodied experience,

**All: To resist what excludes and diminishes,  
and to dismantle what acts as barriers to flourishing  
together in love and justice**

One: O God, help us to trust your Spirit's work to make us whole,  
together in relationships of mutuality and partnership, in  
sacred rhythms of giving and receiving.

**All: Gather us together to be your people in the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*SONG *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*<sup>^</sup> 369 vs 1,2

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*SONG *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*<sup>^</sup> 369 v 3

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

## BEING SEEN

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 88 Laura White

ANTHEM *How Long?*<sup>^</sup> Pepper Choplin  
(see insert for text)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben  
(with adaptations from Psalm 13)

SONG *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*<sup>^</sup> 307 vs 1,3,4,1

## HELPING EACH OTHER

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6: 30-46 Laura White

MESSAGE Check In Pastor Cindy

\*SONG *Help Us To Help Each Other*<sup>^</sup> 362

\*SENDING Pastor Cindy

POSTLUDE *With Faith Transcending* Lani Smith  
Loren Rhodes

<sup>^</sup>Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit  
<sup>^</sup>Music reprinted with permission under One License # A-723165

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## **How Long? Pepper Choplin**

How long, how long 'til this world is free from suffering?  
How long, how long 'til blessed peace will reign?  
How long, how long 'til the pow'r of love will come  
And heaven's will is done? How long, how long?

How long, how long 'til ev'ry gun is silenced?  
How long, how long 'til hate and war shall end;  
'Til ev'ry battle's thunder will fade to blessed peace  
And sounds of war will cease? How long, how long?

Press on press on, let faith and hope sustain you.  
Press on, press on, keep working for the day  
When all of God's children will live in peace as one.  
Until that new day comes, press on, press on.

Send me, send me to work for the kingdom  
Send me, send me to go and live for peace.  
Until the love of heaven to earth shall descend  
And peace will reign again. Send me, send me.

Press on, press on, we'll press on.  
We will sing a peaceful song!  
But still we're praying on,  
How long, how long?  
How long, how long?

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Faith: Experts Among Us**

*Held in-person TODAY after worship.*

*This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall.*

Our worship this morning recognizes that more than 1 in 5 adults in our country live with mental illness. How do we live as faithful Christ followers in that reality? Following worship there will be a simple meal, and our own Abby Morgan will present and lead discussion on some aspects of Mental Health and its treatment. Please join us!

#### **Ash Wednesday Service**

*Held hybrid THIS Wednesday, February 14th at 7 pm.*

*This event will be held in the Sanctuary and over Zoom.*

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with a service to prepare (tune!) our hearts to God's grace. The service will be in partnership with Juniata College's Campus Ministry. We will read scripture, sing, pray - and remember our humanity as we receive ashes.

### **REMINDERS:**

#### **Lent Devotional Items**

Remember to pick up Lenten Devotional Cards and Booklets on the table in the back!

#### **Grocery Cards!**

You can purchase Weis and Giant grocery gift cards from the church. Stone Church gets a donation of 5% back from the grocery store when you shop! Just contact the church office. We'll send them to you - *or you can stop in and pick them up in the office!*