

STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

February 25, 2024

Wandering Heart: Rescue Me

*"If there was failure on the part of the disciples I don't think it was finding a storm at sea terrifying because, come on - that is legit scary. I think their failure was not unlike ours - believing that if their lives were screwed that must mean that God is far off. Their failure was in buying the lie that calm waters are the only satisfying proof of God's presence."
- Nadia Bolz-Weber*

WELCOME Pastor Ben

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* Stuart K. Hine/
Stone Church Ringers arr Michael Helman

*CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Ben

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

All: the courageous and the fearful,

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

All: the impatient and the reserved.

One: God welcomes the young and the old,

All: the poets and the prophets,

One: the faithful and the tired,

All: the curious and the certain.

One: Wherever you are on your journey,
wherever your boat is at sea,

All: Let us embrace one another in the Body of Christ.

*SONG *Come to Me, Come to Us[^]* Rory Cooney
(see insert)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14: 22-33 Jeremy Uhrich

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

POEM *Rescue Me* Jeremy Uhrich
By Sarah Are Speed

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Just As I Am* arr Linda R. Lamb
Stone Church Ringers

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
There are days that threaten to swallow us,
days when the storms of life feel too big.
In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.
Forgive us for doubting ourselves.
Forgive us for doubting you.
Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.
With hope in our hearts we pray,
Amen.**

SONG *Take, O Take Me As I Am[^]* 1084
(sing twice)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

SONG *Precious Lord[^]* 575

MESSAGE Don't Look Down Pastor Cindy

*SONG *Come Thou Fount^{^^}* 521

*SENDING Pastor Cindy

POSTLUDE *Strong, righteous man of Galilee* John Dykes/
Loren Rhodes arr. Nigel Williams

**Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit*

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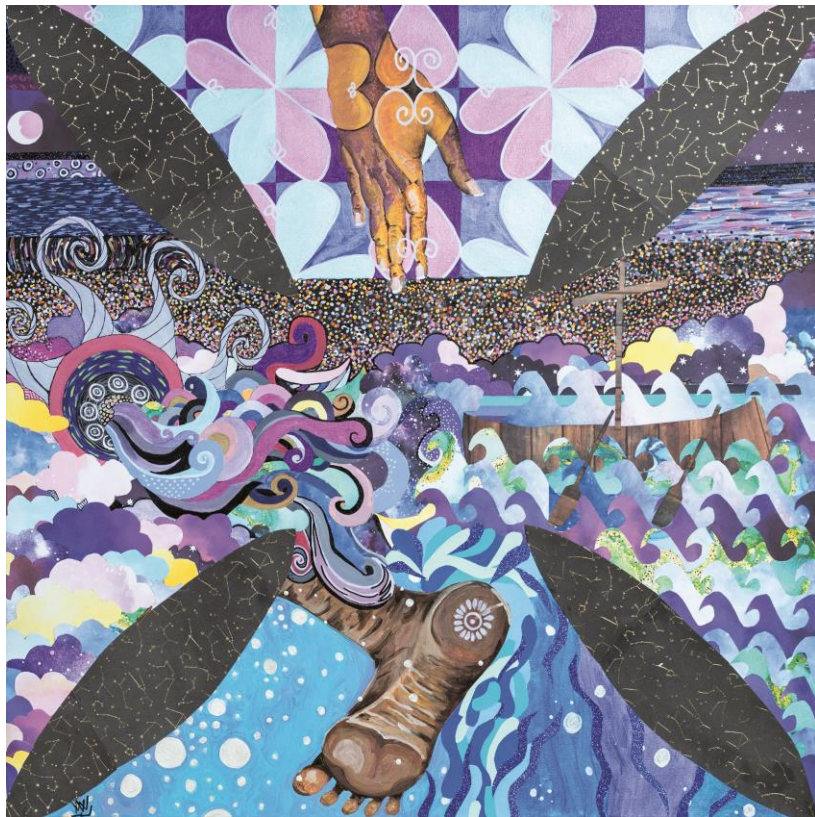
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Lift Off by Nicolette Penderanda



COME TO US

Rory Cooney



1. Come to me, come to us, you who are bur-dened.
2. Come to me, come to us, pil - grim or strang - er,
3. Come to me, come to us, bro - ken or build - ing,



1. Come to the word, and come to the meal.
2. look - ing for change, or chal - lenge, or light.
3. come with your chil-dren, your choic - es, your chains.



1. Come with-out ques - tion or pres - sure or price:
2. We are the peo - ple whose call - ing is care,
3. All are in - vit - ed to friend-ship or rest, to



1. come, be em-braced by the bod - y of Christ.
2. bear - ers of mer - cy, nour-ished in prayer.
3. share in our strug - gle, our call and our