

STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

April 30, 2023

Building Blocks Worship Series

"The church birthed at Pentecost carries this deep DNA, to make a home in God's life and invite others, in a way they can understand, to make a home in God's life, too." - Amy G. Oden

WELCOME Pastor Ben

PRELUDE *Spirit of the Living God* D. Iverson/
Donna & Loren Rhodes arr. John Purifoy

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from a Sonnet by Malcom Guite) Pastor Ben

One: Today we feel the wind, the power it brings,
All: the hidden fountain flows and plays;
One: This is the day the church draws breath at last and sings,
All: As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.
One: The right words come today in their right order
All: And every word spells freedom and release.
One: Today the gospel crosses every border,
All: Today the lost are found in Spirit's translation,
One: Whose mother-tongue is love, in every nation.

*SONG *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*^ 26

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-21

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG *There are Many Gifts*^ 304
(Chorus Only)

PRAYER OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

SONG *Spirit of Gentleness*^ HS 1110, vs 1,3,4

POEM *Touch Me with Truth That Burns Like Fire* Amy McManhon
Ted Loder

MUSICAL REFLECTION *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* Trad. Spiritual
Loren Rhodes arr. A Giamanco

MESSAGE Did you *hear* that? Pastor Cindy

ANTHEM *Come Build a Church* Ken Medema
(See Text in Insert)

SENDING Pastor Cindy

POSTLUDE *Siyahamba* Trad. S. Africa
Loren & Donna Rhodes arr. John Carter

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

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HS denotes Hymnal Supplement*

Let us know you were here!

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Attendance Form:



Come Build a Church

God of Creation, Maker of all things.
We gather in this place to pray.
We do invite you, come now among us;
come build your church today.

Come build a church with soul and spirit,
come build a church of flesh and bone.
We need no tower rising skyward;
no house of wood, or glass, or stone.
Come build a church with human frailty.
Come build a Church of flesh and blood.
Jesus shall be its sure foundation.
It shall be built by the hand of God.

Let us see the tongues of fire. Let us hear the great wind roar.
Let us know the awe and wonder that we've only glimpsed before.
Let us feel the strength of passion,
which can make us laugh and weep.
Let us know the great awakening. For so long we've been asleep.

Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can lose the bonds.
Reaching out across the chasms, bringing walls of hatred down.
Let us taste the sweet communion, where the circle never ends.
Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends.

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Guide our feet in peaceful pathways.
Teach us peace of heart and mind;
Peace with God and all God's children;

till we leave our wars behind.

Surely joy will come and find us like a breeze that cools the night;
Like the rain upon the desert; like a candle's gentle light.

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Announcements:

Check out our NEW and returning Sunday School options for Children and Adults on Sundays at 9:30 am!

- Children's Sunday School Class – *On Earth as it is in Heaven*
- Sojourners Book Study – *Christ in Crisis* By Jim Wellis
- Bible Study – *Passages Related to Sexuality & Gender*

Join the Prayer Shawl Meeting

THIS Thursday, May 4, 6:00 - 7:00pm

This event is held 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! The prayer shawl 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 or 814-599-3680).