

STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

May 28, 2023

Building Blocks Worship Series

"The question each church and denomination must answer is, will we have the courage, like Peter, to reject traditional distinctions made on the basis of religion or culture in favor of welcoming everyone into God's family?"

-Coleman Baker

WELCOME Pastor Cindy

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* Trad. American Melody/
Loren and Donna Rhodes arr. Sandra Eithum

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Written by Joanna Harader) Pastor Cindy

One: We are here because we have heard rumors of God's grace,

All: of Divine love poured out

One: on people of all colors

All: from all places

One: people of all classes

All: all abilities

One: all genders

All: all sexualities.

One: We have heard stories of this Jesus,

All: of Divine inclusion for former outcasts—

One: people who were confused

All: and unclean

One: and broken

All: and unwanted

One: and powerless

All: and searching.

One: We want to hear more of these stories.

All: We want to sing and shout and live these stories,

One: so that we might help spread this scandalous rumor

All: of Divine grace,

One: of boundary-less love.

*SONG *For Everyone Born*[^] Shirley Murray/
Brian Mann

For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead,

And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace;
Yes God will delight when we are creators of justice – justice and joy.

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
A covenant shared, a welcoming space,
A rainbow of race and gender and colour,
For gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace;
Yes God will delight when we are creators of justice – justice and joy.

For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong,

And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace;

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:44 – 11:18 Rick Laabs

SONG *For All the Children*[^] David Loman
(see insert, vs 1,2,4)

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Ben

*PASSING THE PEACE

*SONG *Breathe on Me Breath of God*^{^^} 356, vs 1,2,3

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Cindy

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Breathe on Me Breath of God* R. Jackson/
Loren and Donna Rhodes arr. Mark Hayes

MESSAGE Be Curious Pastor Ben

ANTHEM *Child of God*[^] Mark A. Miller
(see insert for text)

SENDING Pastor Ben

POSTLUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Spiritual/
Loren and Donna Rhodes arr. Judy East Wells

**Let us know you
were here!**



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For All the Children

David Loman

Child of God

Mark A. Miller

No matter what people say, say or think about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what people say, say or think about you,
You are a child, you are a child of God.

No matter what the world says, says or thinks about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what the church says, decisions, pronouncements on
you,
You are a child, you are a child of God.

And there is nothing, or no one who can separate,
They can't separate you from the truth that
You're someone you are family, you are meant to be,
A child of God! You are a child, a child of God!

♩ = 102

1. God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that
3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when

G/A D G/D

The first system of musical notation is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. God, we gather as your people to; 2. Oh, we sing for all the children, that; 3. Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut; 4. God, we're working for the future when. Chord markings G/A, D, and G/D are placed below the piano part.

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raise our song a - bove, and we dare to claim the
one day they be free; and we sing for gen - er -
short by fear and shame so a - fraid of who they
chil - dren far and wide can live their lives with

D G/D D

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It starts with a measure rest of 3 measures. The lyrics are: raise our song above, and we dare to claim the; one day they be free; and we sing for generation; short by fear and shame so afraid of who they; children far and wide can live their lives with. Chord markings D, G/D, and D are placed below the piano part.

6

pro-mise of Your love, though the day may not yet
 a - tions yet to be, that they nev - er have a
 are and whom they love. May the mess - age now be
 dig - ni - ty and pride. As they grow in strength and

D/F# Asus A Bm

10

be here, we trust it soon will be, when your
 rea - son to doubt that they are blest. May they,
 ban - ished that Your love is for the few, may their
 sta - ture, may they join us hand in hand, as a -

D/A G D/F#

13

REFRAIN

chil - dren will be free. O, may our
 in Your love, find rest.
 faith in You re - new.
 gainst all hate we stand.

Em7 Asus A7 D G/D D

17

hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen wide. May there be

G D/F# G D/F#

21

room e - nough for ev - 'ry-one in - side. For in

Em D/F# Asus F#7/A#

25

God there is a wel - come, in God we all be - long. May that

Bm D/A G D/F#

29

wel - come be our song.

Em Asus A7 D G/D D