

STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

July 9, 2023

If you are looking for verses with which to support slavery, you will find them. If you are looking for verses with which to abolish slavery, you will find them. If you are looking for verses with which to oppress women, you will find them. If you are looking for verses with which to liberate or honor women, you will find them. ... If you are looking for an out-dated, irrelevant ancient text, you will find it. If you are looking for truth, believe me, you will find it. This is why there are times when the most instructive question to bring to the text is not "what does it say?", but "what am I looking for?"

Rachel Held Evans

WELCOME Darlene Chivers

PRELUDE JS Bach
Arioso
Will and Henry Thurston-Griswold

*CALL TO WORSHIP Darlene Chivers

One: The body is a unit, made up of many parts.
Some may prophesy. Some may speak in tongues.

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: We are baptized by one Spirit and given one Spirit to drink.
Some may be healers. Some may work miracles.

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: If one part suffers, all suffer with it.
When one part is honored, all are honored with it.
All are apostles. All interpret the scripture.

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: God has bound us together as the church,
so that we might share the good news
that God's realm is at hand.
We all learn. We all teach.

**All: For we are the body of Christ,
Gathered in love to worship the One
who brings us life.**

*SONG 521
Come Thou Fount[^]

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 3: 1-7 Darlene Chivers

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SONG Close Every Door Lloyd Webber/Rice
Kate and Henry Thurston-Griswold

Close every door to me,	Are never alone	Destroy me completely
Hide all the world from me	For I know I shall find	Then throw me away
Bar all the windows	My own peace of mind	If my life were important I
And shut out the light	For I have been promised	Would ask will I live or die
Do what you want with me,	A land of my own	But I know the answers lie
Hate me and laugh at me	Close every door to me,	Far from this world
Darken my daytime	Hide all the world from me	Close every door to me,
And torture my night	Bar all the windows	Keep those I love from me
If my life were important I	And shut out the light	Children of Israel
Would ask will I live or die	Just give me a number	Are never alone
But I know the answers lie	Instead of my name	For we know we shall find
Far from this world	Forget all about me	Our own peace of mind
Close every door to me,	And let me decay	For we have been promised
Keep those I love from me	I do not matter,	A land of our own
Children of Israel	I'm only one person	

TIME OF PRAYER Darlene Chivers

SONG Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying^{^^} 353
(sing twice)

MESSAGE Christian and Female Belle Tuten

*SONG Be Thou My Vision^{^^} 545

*SENDING Belle Tuten

POSTLUDE Simple Gifts Shaker Hymn
Will, Kate, and Henry Thurston-Griswold

[^]Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit
^{^^}Public Domain

^{^^}Music reprinted with permission under One License # A-723165

Let us know you
were here!

