### STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

July 23, 2023 Worship Series: Family Feuds

"What do we do with this text? It's horrifying—that Abraham would plan to kill his son as an act of faith and that God would command it." -Amanda Benckhuysen

Welcome

Pastor Cindy

Prelude	The Water Is Wide	British folk song/
	Loren & Donna Rhodes	arr. Mary Sallee

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from a prayer by Joy Mead) Jeff Decker Please find #144 in your hymnal for the sung response^

One: We gather, fully recognizing that the world is not always as it should be,

# All: But in the comfort of community we may dare to imagine it as it could be.

One: We hope for God's presence and mercy.

### Choral Response: Kyrie eleison.

One: We know that we have not always been our best selves.

#### All: We confess that we have made sacrifices with our time, money, work, mental energy, emotional capacity, that have damaged relationships.

One: We need Christ's example and mercy.

### Sung Response: Christe eleison.

One: We know the deep agony of the question: Why?

## All: It is not intellectual, yet it is visceral. And sometimes there are no answers,

One: Only the waiting, the walking alongside, the being here.

### Sung Response: Kyrie eleison.

One: Only the giving out of what we do not have: the love that comes as we give it.

### All: The incredible risk of love demands more than easy answers and pretty prayers.

One: Christ have mercy.

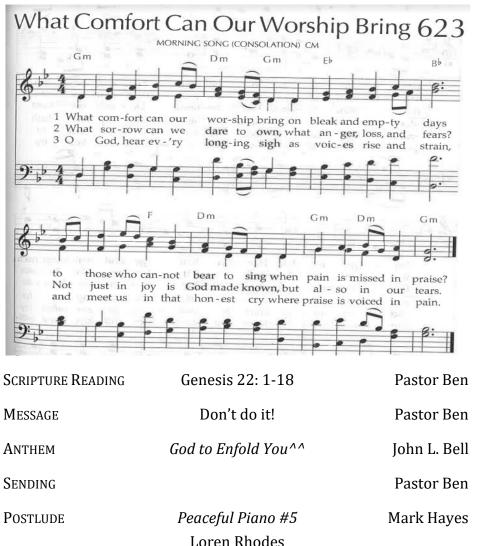
Choral Response: Christe eleison.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Cindy

SONG What Comfort Can Our Worship Bring^^ Adam M.L. Tice



\*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!



Pastor Ben