

# Stone Church of the Brethren

November 3, 2024

## All Saints Show and Tell

*"God's blessings are already among us, surprising and counterintuitive, gracious and undeserved, world-turning and beautiful, and we're called to live lives that are responsive to those blessings at every turn. That's what "all saints" do: they live as if the reign of heaven is at hand — because it is!" - Salt Project*

WELCOME Pastor Ben

PRELUDE *Christ, the Only Son of God from Orgelbuchlein*  
Keith Sutton JS Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Ben

One: We are not the first to gather here - generations before us have carved out this space.

**All: We are *grateful* for this great cloud of witnesses.**

One: We are not the first to have questions and doubts – throughout all generations faith has grown through curiosity, wonder, and possibility.

**All: We *are* grateful for this great cloud of witnesses.**

One: We are not the only ones looking around for connection and guidance - each generation present comes with an openness to more.

**All: We are grateful for *this* great cloud of witnesses.**

One: We are not the first nor the only - but we are here now – offering to run alongside one another, to share our stories and our lives.

**All: May this great cloud of witnesses surrounding us help us fix our eyes on Jesus as we strive to run the race to which we are called.**

\*SONG *Guide My Feet*<sup>^</sup> 546 vs. 1,2,3,1

SCRIPTURE READING *Hebrews 11: 29-33 and 11:39- 12:2*  
Bob Lamey

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

\*SONG *Like a Tree Beside the Waters* HS\*\* 1048 vs. 1,2

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

RESPONSE *Like a Tree Beside the Waters* HS\*\* 1048 v. 3

SHARING STORIES

\*SONG *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*<sup>^^</sup> 421 vs. 1,3,4,6

REFLECTION *Surrounded* Pastor Cindy

SERVICE OF ANOINTING

You are anointed to run your race of faith.  
You are not alone.  
You are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

PRAYER

ANTHEM *We Are Not Alone*<sup>^</sup> Pepper Choplin  
(See Insert For Text)

SENDING Pastor Cindy

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Keith Sutton

## We Are Not Alone

We are not alone.  
God is with us.

We are never alone, for God Is with us.  
We are never alone for God is with us.  
Now, through all our days, always.  
Forever and ever, we are never alone.

We are not alone.  
God is with us.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us.  
We will press on, for God is with us.  
Now, through all our days, always.  
For ever and ever, we are never alone.

Our God is with us now.

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

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## Polity and Pizza - a discussion on the revised Stone Church bylaws

***TODAY, November 3 in the Fellowship Hall after Worship***

Last year, we began an experimental update to our leadership team structure. After more than a year, it's almost time for us to decide whether to go back to the way things were - or update the by-laws for the long-term! Join us for pizza after church next Sunday! We'll summarize the changes and have time for discussion. (We'll have paper copies of the proposed bylaws for you to review.) Bring your questions, concerns, or affirmations!

## Congregational Forum

***Sunday, November 17 in the Sanctuary immediately after Worship***

Join us for a brief congregational forum on November 17th that will include a vote to approve the revised bylaws and a brief report on the results of the stewardship campaign.

## Taize Worship

***Sunday, November 17th, 2024 at 6 pm***

We are pleased to announce another Taize worship on Sunday. Thanks to those of you who have attended in the past.

And...

We are hopeful that those of you less familiar with this worship style will give it a try and find meaning as well. This worship tradition and much of the music was developed in Taize, France at a monastery. You can learn more at <https://www.taize.fr/> The worship includes scripture, music, silence, and prayer. Musical components are simple to catch on to and are repeated such that a meditative feeling is nurtured. Please consider joining us for a calming, spirit-filled time of worship that fosters a centered soul for entering the coming week. If curious, please call the church office or Marty.