

# Stone Church of the Brethren

April 21, 2024

## 21st century Faith: Creation Care

*"The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard." —Gaylord Nelson*

WELCOME Pastor Cindy

PRELUDE *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* William Bradbury/  
Loren and Donna Rhodes Arr. Sandra Eithum

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 104* Pastor Cindy

One: Praise the Lord! You are extraordinary!  
Let my whole being bless the Lord!

**All: You who laid the foundations of the earth,  
So that it should not be moved forever,  
You covered it with the deep as with a garment.**

One: You put gushing springs into dry riverbeds.  
They flow among the hills.  
They give drink to every beast of the field;

**All: Overhead the birds in the sky make their home;  
They sing among the trees.**

One: The earth is filled full by the fruit of what you've done.  
Extravagant are your works, Lord;  
You made them all so wisely!

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God with my whole being!**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

\*SONG *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*<sup>^</sup> 414

\*UNISON INVOCATION 744

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Exodus 23: 10-11* Marshall Miller  
*Leviticus 23: 22* Ezra Lattimer  
*Leviticus 25: 2-7* Henry and CC Elder

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Ben

\*SONG *For the Beauty of the Earth*<sup>^^</sup> 89 vs 1,2,3,4

POEM *The Summer Day* Chuck Yohn  
*By Mary Oliver*

SONG *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*<sup>^</sup> 482

MESSAGE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Pastor Ben Lattimer

\*SONG *Let All Creation Dance*<sup>^</sup> Brian Wren  
*(see insert)*

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Cindy

ANTHEM *A Gaelic Blessing*<sup>^</sup> John Rutter  
*(See insert for text)*

SENDING Pastor Ben

POSTLUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Conrad Kochel/Arr.  
Loren Rhodes Ruth Elaine Schram

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

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# 122 Let all creation dance

ST JOHN 66. 66. 88

1 Let all cre - a - tion dance in en - er - gies sub -  
 2 Our own a - maz - ing earth, with sun - light, cloud, and  
 3 Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all prais - es

lime, as or - der turns with chance, un -  
 storms, and life's a - bun - dant growth in  
 meet, and na - ture shall re - joice as

fold - ing space and time; for na - ture's art in  
 love - ly shapes and forms is made for praise, a  
 all is made com - plete. In hope be strong, all

glo - ry grows, and new - ly shows God's mind and heart.  
 fra - gile whole, and from its soul heaven's mu - sic plays.  
 life be - friend, and kind - ly tend cre - a - tion's song.

# A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace to you. Deep peace for you.  
 Deep peace of the earth to you.  
 Deep peace of the stars to you.  
 Deep peace of the night to you.  
 Moon and stars pour light on you.  
 Deep peace of Christ,  
 the light of the world, to you.  
 Deep peace of Christ to you.

\*Please join us after worship for a meal &  
 presentation on Creation Care led by  
 Sharon Yohn  
 Everyone is welcome

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