Stone Church of the Brethren

December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent How Does a Weary World Rejoice? We Acknowledge Our Weariness

"Sometimes weariness can harden us and prevent us from living fully. We've had hard journeys. Grief has left a scar on us. This is how we show up to Advent. Let us acknowledge the ways we, too, are hardened by disbelief. Like the psalmist, let us ask, "how long?" and plead for restoration." - Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Pastor Ben WELCOME

PRELUDE Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus From Psalmodia Sacra Donna & Loren Rhodes arr. Edward Broughton

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** Sally Rohrbaugh

One: How does a weary world hope?

All: By telling stories of hope, by lighting candles in the night, and planting seeds in the winter that will bloom in the spring.

One: By praying for children as they grow, and picking up trash on the sidewalk.

> All: By insisting that small acts can make a difference.

One: There are a million ways to practice hope. So today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and a charge.

> All: With God's help, may we bring hope into a weary world. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Mini-Pageant on Luke 1:5-25

Narrator: Sally Rohrbaugh; Zachariah: Everett Lattimer;

Gabriel: Cyrus Lattimer:

Crowd Leader: Ezra Lattimer: *Crowd*: All the children of the church

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus^ *Song

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

Yearnings Kenneth Finlay INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE Loren Rhodes

Matthew Rohrbaugh SCRIPTURE Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

O Come, O Come, Immanuel^^ SONG 172 vs 1,4

Matthew Rohrbaugh Роем** Wade In

Rev. Sarah Are Speed

O Come, O Come, Immanuel^^ 172 chorus. SONG

verse 6, chorus

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Can This Be? **Pastor Cindy** MESSAGE

SILENCE

The Yearning^ Courtney/Boersma ANTHEM

(see insert for text)

Pastor Cindy SENDING

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella 17th c. Provencal carol Postlude Loren & Donna Rhodes arr. Gilbert Martin

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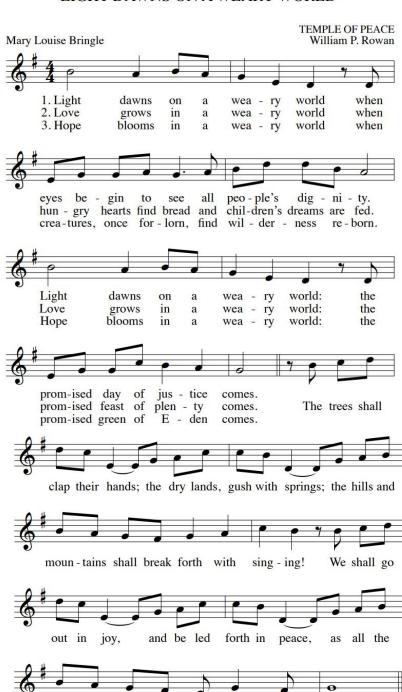
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LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD

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Yearning Coutney/Boersma

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief And centuries of sorrow.

There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide And in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of creation.

There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own, And by his death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait The day of His appearing.

There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased And we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Within our hearts, the yearning.

