Stone Church of the Brethren

December 24, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Advent How Does a Weary World Rejoice? We Sing Stories of Hope

"Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us" -From "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson

WELCOME

Pastor Cindy

Bob & Sue Lamev

*Song^

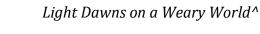
Prelude	What Child is This?	English folk/	
	Loren & Donna Rhodes	arr. Joel Raney	

*Advent Candle Lighting**

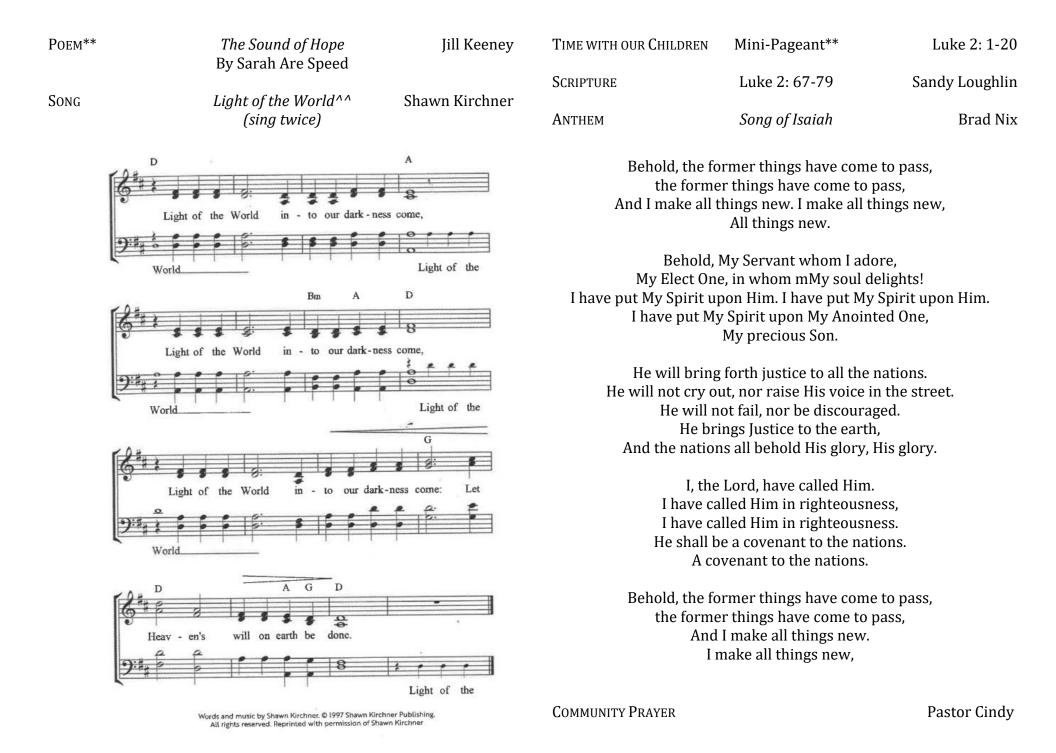
Bob: How does a weary world practice love?

All: By sending cards, and picking up the Phone.

- Bob: By practicing empathy, and assuming the best in others. By learning people's stories and finding common ground.
- All: By advocating for justice, and saving a place at the table.
- Bob: There are a million ways to practice love. So today we light the candle of love as a reminder and a charge.
- All: With God's help, may we bring love into a weary world. Amen.







Song	Love came down at Christmas^	208	'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.			
REFLECTION	Lift Every Voice and Sing	Pastor Ben	My	y heart shall sing of the day	y you bring,	
*Song	<i>My Soul Cries Out</i> [^] Rory Cooney Nina Meadows & Marty Keeney, flutes		let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!			
	My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things		*Sending		Pastor Ben	
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.		S	Postlude	0 Come, All Ye Faith	hful John Wade/	
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest, could the world be about to turn? My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn! Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,				Donna & Loren Rho		
			*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit **used by permission of sanctifiedart.org ^Music reprinted with permission under One License # A-723165 ^^used by Permission <u>Mini-Pageant Cast:</u> Narrator: Sam Closz Joseph: Everett, Ezra Lattimer Mary: Elise Weld, Nina Meadows			
						<i>Gabriels:</i> Cyrus Lattimer, Henry Elder <i>Shepherds:</i> CC Elder, Ezra Elder, Scott Naylor, Cory & Jess Buterbaugh <i>Sheep:</i> Elsie Weld, Natalie & Beau Buterbaugh
			You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.			Angel Chorus: Marty Keeney, Emily Elder, Pastor Ben Inn Keepers: Sydney Paterson, Livi & Miles Hall, Sam & Zach Closz,
My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.			Natalie & Beau Buterbaugh, and other special guests <i>Animals:</i> Any & all of us			
,	Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws nea and the world is about to turn!	ar,	Le	et us know you were here!		
	Though the nations rage from age to age,		Sc	an the code to fill out the		
	we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.			Attendance Form:		
	This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise that holds us bound,	1				