

# Stone Church of the Brethren

May 10, 2026

## Worship Series: *Practicing Resurrection*

*"We are not cramming for an exam that will provide us a certificate for good resurrection behavior or admission to heaven; we are absorbing into our praying imaginations a way of being. Watch what God does, and then do it his way."  
- Eugene Peterson*

WELCOME Pastor Ben

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* Phoebe Palmer Knapp  
Loren and Donna Rhodes arr. Larry Moore

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Ben

One: Arise, shine! God's light is here!

**All: Rise from the deadening distractions of our world.**

One: Wake up! Worship requires our full engagement.

**All: Shake off the sleepy inattention to the Spirit.**

One: Come alive! Alive to God, to love, to Christ all around us.

**All: Arise and be immersed in light, in joy, in praise.**

\*SONG *Awake, Arise, O Sing a New Song*<sup>^</sup> 56  
(Unison twice, then round as directed)

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 5: 1-20* Marshall, Melanie,  
(The Message) and Mike Miller

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

\*SONG *God of the Bible*<sup>^</sup>  
(See insert)  
v. 1,2,3

MESSAGE *Imitators* Pastor Cindy

ANTHEM *This Is My Word*<sup>^^</sup>  
(see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

\*SONG *Awake, O Sleeper*<sup>^^</sup> HS 1109  
v. 1,2,3

\*SENDING Pastor Cindy

\*POSTLUDE *Recessionale* Edward Broughton  
Loren Rhodes

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

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# God of the Bible

FRESH AS THE MORNING\* 55. 54. 55. 54 with refrain

D A/C# G/B D Bm D/F#

1 God of the Bi - ble, God in the Gos - pel, hope seen in Je - sus,  
 2 God in our strug - gles, God in our hun - ger, suf - fer - ing with us,  
 3 Those with - out sta - tus, those who are noth - ing, you have made roy - al,  
 4 Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger will our world or - der  
 5 Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain through all our tur - moil,

Em A Bm D/A G D

hope yet to come, you are our cen - ter, day - light or dark - ness,  
 tak - ing our part, still you em - pow'r us, moth - er - ing Spir - it,  
 gift - ed with rights, cho - sen as part - ners, mid - wives of jus - tice,  
 change in a day, but by your peo - ple, fear - less and faith - ful,  
 ter - ror and loss, bond - ing us glad - ly one to the oth - er,

Em D/F# G Asus A

free - dom or pris - on, you are our home.  
 feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart.  
 birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new lights.  
 small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the way.  
 till our world chang - es fac - ing the cross.

Refrain D A/D G/D D Em D/F#

*Soprano (Melody)*

Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al - ways faith - ful,

*Alto*

Fresh as the sun - rise, al - ways faith - ful,

*Tenor/Bass*

Em A D A/D G/D D

you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,  
 you do not change. Fresh as the sun - rise,

Em D/F# G/A D A/D

God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.  
 al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

G/D D A/D G/D D

# This Is My Word

Pepper Choplin

As the snow falls from heaven  
As it comes in swirling showers from the sky,  
So is my Word.

As the rains bring the waters  
To the earth that is thirsty and dry,  
So is my Word.

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;  
It will bless the earth wherever it is heard.  
This is my Word.

As the rains bring renewal  
And the tender buds begin to come alive,  
So is my Word.

Giving seed to the sower,  
And the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive,  
So is my Word.  
So is my Word.

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;  
It will bless the earth wherever it is heard.  
This is my Word.  
This is my Word.

O Lord, when I am weary,  
When I feel the days I'm living or in vain.  
My God, help me be faithful  
To the Word you have given to proclaim.  
Proclaim the Word!

You will go out in joy  
And be led forth in peace,  
And the hills will break before you into song.  
So be faithful, brave, and true  
For I will go before you.

And when your earthly journey here is done.  
I'll say well done,  
I'll say well done,  
Well done!

As the snow falls from heaven  
And the rain comes in showers from the sky,  
This is my Word.