

Stone Church of the Brethren

May 11, 2025

Worship Series: I AM...

“I AM the light of the world’ is [spoken] first [to] those who question it and condemn it. It is first for those who refuse it and reject it. It is first for those who, even if they don’t know it, need to hear it the most...[It is] Light that exposes people and systems and institutions that have used darkness to hide what they don’t want to be seen.”
- Karoline Lewis

WELCOME Pastor Ben

PRELUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* John Hatton/
Loren Rhodes Arr. Anna Laura Page

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May God guide us like a parent,

All: In the reading of the Word,

One: And the movement of the Spirit,

All: That in God’s light, we may see light,

One: In God’s truth, find freedom,

All: And in God’s will, discover peace,

One: Through Jesus Christ, the light that shines in the darkness.

*SONG *Lo, a Gleam From Yonder Heaven*^ 591

SCRIPTURE READING *John 8: 12-20* Henry Elder

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Light*^^ Lillian Bouknight

MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER *by Laura Stephens Reid* Pastor Ben

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

SONG *Longing for Light*^^ Bernadette Farrell
(see insert for text; v 1,2,3)

MESSAGE *Light* Pastor Cindy

*SONG *Lift Every Voice and Sing*^ 579

*SENDING Pastor Cindy

POSTLUDE *“Lift Every Voice”* Rosamond Johnson/
Loren Rhodes Arr. John Barr

*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit

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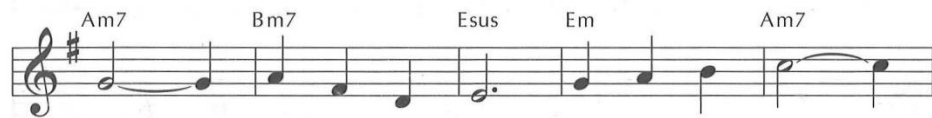


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Christ, Be Our Light



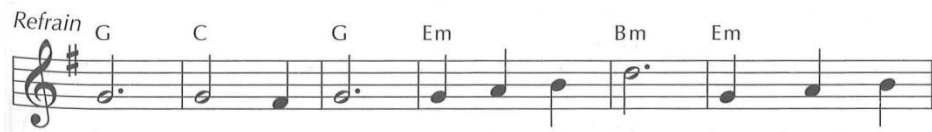
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

High School Graduate Recognition & Commissioning New Leaders

Sunday, May 18th - during Worship

Next week in worship we will take time to celebrate the High School students who have grown up among us and are graduating this Spring, ready to begin the next chapter of their lives! We'll also be commissioning those New Leaders who were elected at the Congregational Forum to guide our church into the future.

Gratitude Lunch

Sunday, May 18th - in the Fellowship Hall after Worship

After worship we'll gather together for a meal in celebration of all of you who give so generously of your time and talents as part of this Stone Church family, working together to help us live into our mission and vision! We'll also celebrate your incredible financial generosity as the Endowment Capital Campaign comes to a close.

Summer Hours Begin May 25!

Mark your calendars for our return to Summer Hours on Sunday Mornings. Sunday School classes will take a break and our worship time will move to 10:00 AM. We'll switch back to regular hours on August 24th.