

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
✠ Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany ✠
Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Father of glory, You reveal Your greatness in showing mercy. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to all people, and fill our hearts with joy in Your gift of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call Worship

Psalms 15

- L "O Lord, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?"
C **"He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart."**
L "He does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor."
C **"He honors those who fear the Lord and does not change."**
L "He does not put out his money at interest or take a bribe against the innocent."
ALL **"He who does these things shall never be moved."**

Opening Song

"Your Love Awakens Me"

- 1 There were walls between us.
By the cross You came and broke them down,
You broke them down.
And there were chains around us.
By Your grace we are no longer bound,
No longer bound.

Pre-Chorus

You called me out of the grave.
You called me into the light.
You called my name and then,
my heart came alive.

Chorus

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
(REPEAT)

- 2 Feel the darkness shaking.
All the dead are coming back to life. I'm back to life.
Hear the song awaken All creation singing,
"We're alive 'Cause You're alive!"

Pre-chorus & Chorus

Bridge

And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us
down.
We shout it out: We're alive 'cause You're alive!
(REPEAT 3x)

Chorus (2x)

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins and Absolution

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- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*
C **Amen.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.
Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against His people, and He will contend with Israel. “O My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

“Blessed Be Your Name”

- 1 Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.
- 2 Blessed be Your name,
When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,

Chorus

"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."

- 3 Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be."
Blessed be Your name.
- 4 Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, Blessed be Your name." (REPEAT)

Chorus (2x)

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Sermon

“We Are--Despite This” *Matthew 5:1-12*

Song of Response

“Lord I Need You”

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

Chorus (2x)

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

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Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me...

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Children's Message

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ☩ life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

“Cornerstone”

1 **My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus’ name.
(Repeat)**

2 **When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.**

Chorus

**Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord.
Lord of all.**

Chorus (Twice)

3 **When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.**

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Prayer of the Church

- ✙ Thanksgiving for the 56th wedding anniversary for Hugo and Pat Jimenez (Jan. 31).
- ✙ Nancy Westerbeck continuing recovery.

The Lord’s Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✙ give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Song

“I Thank God”

Verse 1

Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide,
This weary soul, this bag of bones.
I try with all of my might,
But I just can't win the fight.
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond

Pre-Chorus

And just when I ran out of the road,
I met a man I didn't know.
And He told me that I was not alone.

Chorus

He picked me up, You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart,
You changed my name.
Forever free, I am not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.

Verse 2

I cannot deny what I've seen;
Got no choice but to believe.
My doubts are burnin', oh, like ashes in the wind.
So so long to my old friends: burden and bitterness.
You can just keep them moving,
nah you ain't welcome here.

Pre-Chorus

From now till I walk the streets of gold,
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.

Chorus

Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free.
(4x)

Chorus

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Preaching
Liturgist
Instrumentalists

Pastor Schudde
Pastor Thompson
Whitney Wade, guitar
Jonny Thompson, bass
Mark Yaeger, piano
Ben Rudzinski, percussion
Whitney Wade, Leslie Rudzinski, Cory Ahlbrand, Tavia Shively, vocals
Ben Rudzinski

Sound

We rejoice in the following Baptism in the Sanctuary this weekend!

✠ Brianna Jewell Ewersmann ✠

Sponsors Renee Hemmy, Natalie Hemmy, and Regan Hemmy

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