

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany †

Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, You called us out of darkness into light so that we will show forth Your praise in all the world: shine in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Announcements & Greeting

Call Worship

Psalm 112:1-9

L “Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.”
C “Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.”
L “He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.”
C “His heart is steady; he will not be afraid.”
L “He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor.”
ALL “His righteousness endures forever.”

Opening Song

“Great are You Lord”

Verse

You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise,
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

Verse

Chorus (2x)
Bridge 3x
And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
“Great are You, Lord!”

Chorus 2x

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

Isaiah 58:3-9a

“Why have we fasted, and You see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and You take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these

commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

"Way Maker"

Verse 1

**You are here, moving in our midst;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place;
I worship You, I worship You.**

Chorus

**Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.
(repeat)**

Verse 2

**You are here, touching ev'ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev'ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You;**

Verse 3

**You are here, turning lives around;
I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart;
I worship You, I worship You. Oh.**

Chorus

Tag

**That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.**

Bridge

**Even when I don't see it, You're working.
Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working.
You never stop, You never stop working. (repeat)**

Chorus

Tag

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Sermon

"Salt and Light" Matthew 5:13-20

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.

Children's Message

Offering

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

Offertory

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You.
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder,
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart.
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

"Build My Life"

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.

Chorus

Bridge
I will build my life upon Your love.
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone.
And I will not be shaken. (repeat)

Chorus

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Prayer of the Church

- † Thanksgiving for the 55th wedding anniversary of Mike & Laural McGraw (Feb. 5).
- † Celebration of the ordination of Rev. Nathan Sieveking, son of Rev. Paul & Sue Sieveking.
- † Karen Eatherton who is hospitalized, mother of Sam Eatherton.
- † All you mourn the death of Mary Riesmeyer, mother-in-law of Kathy Riesmeyer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Mark 14:22-24

Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

John 1:29

Distribution

Song

“Holy Forever”

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb,
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

Chorus 1

And the angels cry, “Holy.”
All creation cries, “Holy.”
You are lifted high, Holy,
Holy forever.

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been
redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing, “Holy.”
To the King of Kings, “Holy.”
You will always be Holy,
Holy forever.

Pre-Chorus 2x

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

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“Build Your Kingdom Here”

- 1 Come set Your rule, and reign
In our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we’re made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your church; We need Your pow’r in us.
- 2 We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives,
For You’re our joy and prize.
To see the captives’ hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven’s cause.
We are Your church; We pray revive this earth.

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

- 3 Unleash Your kingdom’s pow’r,
Reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church; We are the hope on earth.

Chorus

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Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart [†] in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C 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

“My Lighthouse”

Verse 1

**In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

Verse 2

**In the silence, You won't let go.
In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

Chorus

**My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
Oh, My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

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Verse 3

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
(3X)**

Chorus

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Preacher
Liturgist
Assisting Seminarians
Instrumentalists

Sound

Pastor Thompson
Pastor Schudde
Jordan Fasnacht
Valerie Winkler, Whitney Wade, guitar
Savannah Richards, piano
Ben Rudzinski, percussion
Amory Richards, Valerie Winkler, Leslie Rudzinski, Whitney Wade, vocals
Jonny Thomposon

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

† June Loraine Schmidt †
Daughter of Corey and Alexis Schmidt
Sponsors Michael Millman and Nicole Schmidt

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