

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Third Sunday in Lent †

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

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, we give You glory because Your mercy does not change. Be gracious to all who have gone astray and turned to their own ways, and bring them again with repentant hearts and steadfast faith to embrace the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Announcements & Greeting

Call Worship

Psalm 95:1-9

L "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"

C "Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

L "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

C "In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also."

L "The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land."

C "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

ALL "For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."

Opening Song

"Indescribable"

Verse 1

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty,
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

Chorus 1

Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name.
You are amazing God;
All powerful, untamable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.

Verse 2

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom.

Chorus 1

You are amazing God. You are amazing God.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name.
You are amazing God;
Incomp'able, unchangeable;
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same.
You are amazing God. You are amazing God.
You are amazing God.

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.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 17:1–7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1–8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 4:5–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

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

[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” (For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, you water with, and the well

is deep. Where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered Him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song of the Day

“Gratitude”

Verse 1

**All my words fall short; I got nothing new.
How could I express all my gratitude?**

Verse 3

**I’ve got one response, I’ve got just one move:
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You.**

Verse 2

**I could sing these songs, as I often do,
But every song must end and You never do.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Come on, my soul, Oh, don’t you get shy on me.
Lift up your song,
‘Cause you’ve got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord. (repeat 3x)**

Chorus

**So I throw up my hands
and praise You again and again,
‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.
And I know it’s not much,
But I’ve nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing, “Hallelujah, Hallelujah.”**

Chorus

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Sermon

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

“Goodness of God”

Verse 1

I love You Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Verse 2

I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father,
I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus

Bridge

Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.

Chorus 2x

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Prayer of the Church

- ✠ All who mourn the death of Kay Hopper, mother of Mark Hopper.
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 25th wedding anniversary of Dan and Sara Lehmann (March 3).

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 “Christ Be Magnified”

Verse 1

**Were creation suddenly articulate
 With a thousand tongues to lift one cry,
 Then from north to south and east to west
 We'd hear Christ be magnified.**

Chorus

Bridge

**I won't bow to idols,
 I'll stand strong and worship You.
 If it puts me in the fire.
 I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
 I won't be formed by feelings,
 I hold fast to what is true.
 If the cross brings transformation,
 Then I'll be crucified with You
 'Cause death is just the doorway
 into resurrection life.
 If I join You in Your suff'rings,
 then I'll join You when You rise
 And when You return in glory
 with all the angels and the saints.
 My heart will still be singing,
 my song will be the same.**

Verse 2

**Were the whole earth echoing His eminence,
 His name would burst from sea and sky.
 From rivers to the mountain tops
 We'd hear Christ be magnified.**

Chorus

**O Christ be magnified, let His praise arise.
 Christ be magnified in me.
 O Christ be magnified, from the altar of my life.
 Christ be magnified in me.**

Verse 3

**When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody
 And ev'ry human heart its native cry.
 O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
 We'll sing Christ be magnified.**

Chorus 2x

To see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus (2x)

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“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

1 **My worth is not in what I own;
Not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.**

2 **My worth is not in skill or name;
In win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.**

Chorus
**I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, Wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.**

3 **As summer flowers we fade and die;
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.**

4 **I will not boast in wealth or might,
Or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.**

Chorus
5 **Two wonders here that I confess:
My worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.**

Chorus 2x

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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

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Closing Song

“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation,
the rock on which I stand.
When everything around me is shaken,
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus,
'Cause He's never let me down.
He's faithful through generations,
so why would He fail now.

Chorus 1

He won't, He won't.

Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos.
I've got peace that makes no sense.
So I won't be going under.
I'm not held by my own strength,
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus.

He's never let me down.
He's faithful in every season,
So why would He fail now.

Chorus 2

He won't, He won't.
He won't fail. He won't fail.

Bridge

Rain came and wind blew,
But my house was built on You.
And I'm safe with You,
I'm gonna make it through. (REPEAT)

Yeah I'm gonna make it through,
'cause my house is built on You.

Verse 1

Chorus 2 (2x)

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