

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Fifth Sunday in Lent ✠

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, by the suffering and death of Your Son, You redeemed this fallen world. Grant eternal joy to Your faithful people, whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Announcements & Greeting

Call Worship

Psalms 130

L “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!”

C “Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy.”

L “If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?”

C “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.”

L “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.”

C “My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.”

ALL “O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.”

Opening Song

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

VERSE 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Chorus (2x)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine

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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.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the Law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

When Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." . . .

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me." When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this Man performs many signs. If we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put Him to death.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song of the Day

"Battle Belongs"

Verse 1

**When all I see is the battle, You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain,
You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now,
For I am safe with You.**

Chorus

**So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high,
O God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet,
I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.**

Verse 2

**And if You are for me who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing is impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross,
God, You see the empty tomb.**

Chorus

Bridge

**An Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
(3x)**

Chorus

O God, the battle belongs to You.

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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

"Holy Spirit"

Verse 1

**There's nothing worth more
that will ever come close.
No thing can compare;
You're our living hope. Your Presence Lord.**

Verse 1/ Verse 2/ Chorus

Bridge (3x)

**Let us become more aware of Your Presence;
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.**

Verse 2

**I've tasted and seen
of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone, in Your Presence, Lord.**

Chorus

Chorus

**Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.
Your Presence, Lord.**

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Prayer of the Church

- † All who mourn the death of Janice Stuckmeyer, aunt of Deborah Esker.
- † Dan Tegtmeyer upcoming surgery.

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 “United in Christ”

Verse 1

People of the Lord, come now and sing.
Every nation and tongue, to Christ our King.
With empty hands, His gifts receive.

Verse 2

Whether young or old, you're a child of God.
Whether rich or poor, no matter what you got.
He gathers all at the foot of the cross.

Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole.
His resurrection, it assures us all.
No darkness, nor doubting, nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ.

Verse 3

Sinners and saints, you have a place.
With the Spirit's gifts, proclaim His grace.
There's nothing too small
To be used by the Living God.

Chorus

Bridge

We are the body, Christ is the head.
Sealed with the promise, through blood He shed.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
His grace the heartbeat, our confidence.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
Sealed with the promise, through blood He shed.
We are the body, Christ is the head.
His grace the heartbeat, our confidence.
Our confidence.

Chorus

Tag

No darkness, nor doubting, nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ.

“Jesus Paid It All”

1 I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

Chorus 1

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

2 Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow’r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots,
And melt the heart of stone.

Chorus 1

3 And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save.
My lips shall still repeat.

Chorus 2

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow.

Bridge

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead. (3x)

Chorus 2

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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

Verse 1

Just one word, You calm the storm that surrounds me.
Just one word, the darkness has to retreat.
Just one touch, I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch, my eyes were opened to see.
My heart can't help but believe:

Chorus 1

There's nothing that our God can't do,
There's not a mountain that He can't move.
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!
There's nothing that our God can't do.

Verse 2

Just one word, You heal what's broken inside me.
Just one word, and you revive ev'ry dream.
Just one touch, I feel the power of heaven.
Just one touch, my eyes were opened to see.
My heart can't help but believe:

Chorus 1

“There’s Nothing that Our God Can’t Do”

Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do,
There's not a prison wall He can't break through.
Oh, praise the name that makes a way!
There's nothing that our God can't do.

Bridge

I will believe for greater things.
There's no power like the power of Jesus.
Let faith arise. Let all agree:
There's no power like the power of Jesus. (repeat)
I will believe for greater things.
There's no power like the power of Jesus.
Let faith arise. Let all agree:
There's no power like His power.

Chorus

Ending

Oh: Oh, Oh, Oh. There's nothing, there's nothing,
there's nothing, oh! (repeat)
There's nothing that our God can't do.

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Pastor Schudde
Whitney Wade, guitar
Mark Stoddard, bass
Savannah Richards, piano
Darren Meyer, percussion
Ellie Pelt, Amy Maender, Amory Richards, Whitney Wade, vocals
Eli Hackman**

Sound

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

✝ Henry Dale DeSplinter ✝
Son of Adam & Alyssa DeSplinter
Sponsors Charles and Megan Stiegemeier

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