

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Second Sunday of Easter †

Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, we have celebrated the mystery of our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Help us to show the power of His resurrection in all that we say and do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

L "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!"

C "Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!"

L "Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!"

C "Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created."

L "Praise the Lord from the earth— mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!"

C "Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!"

All "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven!"

L Let all creation praise the Lord!

Opening Song

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

1 All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam;
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice; Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O alleluia! Alleluia! O alleluia! Alleluia! O alleluia! Alleluia! O alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Song of the Day

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.

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

“Your Love Defends Me”

Verse 1

**You are my joy; You are my song.
 You are the well, the One I'm drawing from.
 You are my refuge my whole life long.
 Where else would I go?**

Chorus

**Surely my God is the strength of my soul.
 Your love defends me,
 Your love defends me.
 And when I feel like I'm all alone,
 Your love defends me,
 Your love defends me.**

Verse 2

**Day after day, night after night,
 I will remember You're with me in this fight.
 Although the battle, it rages on,
 The war's already won.
 I know the war is already won.**

Chorus

Bridge

**We sing, “Hallelujah,
 You're my portion, my salvation.
 Hallelujah.” (Repeat)**

Chorus 2x

Ending

**We sing, “Hallelujah,
 You're my portion, my salvation.
 Hallelujah, You're my portion, my salvation.
 Hallelujah, You're my portion, my salvation.”**

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Prayer of the Church

- † Thanksgiving for the 35th wedding anniversary of Jim and Lisa Meckfessel (April 13).
- † Thanksgiving for the birth of Theodore Hart Syring, son of Nick and Ginger Syring (March 23).
- † Thanksgiving for the birth of Calla Marie Striker, daughter of Anthony and Laurel Striker, granddaughter of David and Amy Striker (April 3).

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Confession of Sins and Absolution

P As we gather in the joy of Easter, we remember that the Good Shepherd laid down His life for us and rose again, conquering sin and death. Yet, in our lives, we still wander. We are still in need of His grace and mercy. Let's take a moment to confess our sins to the One who is risen and reigns, trusting in His forgiveness and love.

C **Risen Jesus, we confess that we have gone astray. We have followed our own ways and turned away from You, our Shepherd. We have failed to trust in Your love, and we've allowed fear and sin to rule our hearts. We repent and ask for Your forgiveness. Thank You for laying down Your life for us and rising again to give us new life. Lead us in Your paths, restore our souls, and fill us with Your peace. Amen.**

P Friends, hear the joyful news: Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, has risen from the dead! He has conquered sin, death, and the grave. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord is risen! He is with you, guiding you, comforting you, and leading you in paths of righteousness. May the joy of His resurrection fill you with peace, hope, and the assurance that you are forever in His care.

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

"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

“Evidence”

Verse 1

All throughout my history,
Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring.
In every season, from where I'm standing

Chorus 1

I see the evidence of Your goodness
All over my life, All over my life.
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, All over my life.

Verse 2

Help me remember when I'm weak,
Fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory.
You are my strength and You always will be.

Chorus

Bridge

See the cross, the empty grave;
The evidence is endless.
All my sin rolled away
Because of You, oh Jesus. (Repeat)

Chorus

Ending

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.
Why should I fear? Oh, The evidence is here.

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“O Praise Him”

1 Turn your ear to heaven
And hear the noise inside;
The sound of angel's awe,
The sound of angel's songs,
And all this for a King.
We could join and sing
All to Christ the King.

Pre-chorus 1

How constant how divine,
This song of ours will rise.
O, how constant how divine,
This love of ours will rise, will rise.

Chorus 1

O, praise Him, O, praise Him;
He is holy, He is holy.

2 Turn your gaze to heaven
And raise a joyous noise;
The sound of salvation come,
The sound of rescued ones,
And all this for a King.
Angels join to sing
All for Christ the King.

Chorus 1 (2 times)

Pre-chorus 2

How infinite and sweet
This love so rescuing.
O, how infinitely sweet,
This great love that has redeemed;
As one we sing.

Chorus 2 (3 times)

Alleluia, alleluia.
He is holy, He is holy.

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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.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

Numbers 6:24–26

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Closing Song

“You Cannot Be Stopped”

Verse 1

**The dark tried to hide You and steal You away.
Death tried to keep You inside of the grave.
The enemy fought You; he tried but he lost.
You cannot be stopped.**

Verse 2

**When we cried for freedom You tore down the walls.
The weight of our burdens, You carried it all.
Our fears and our failures hang dead on the cross.
You cannot be stopped.**

Chorus

**Mover of mountains, breaker of chains,
Jesus has triumphed over the grave.
Sing hallelujah; the battle is won!
Nothing can stand against our God.**

Verse 3

**We stand on Your victory, we shout out Your praise.
Miracle maker, You're mighty to save.
Awesome in power, relentless in love,
You cannot be stopped.**

Chorus

**Mover of mountains, breaker of chains,
Jesus has triumphed over the grave.
Sing hallelujah; the battle is won!
Nothing can stand against our God.**

Bridge

**There's nothing that can stop our God.
There's nothing that can stop our God.
There's nothing that can stop our God.
There is nothing, there is nothing. (repeat)**

Chorus 2x

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