

**LIVING STONE WORSHIP**  
✠ **Sixth Sunday of Easter** ✠  
**Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.**

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**Prayer Before Worship**

Almighty and eternal God, You have assured us that our redemption is complete through the resurrection of Your Son. Give us the will to do in our lives what we profess with our lips; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Announcements & Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

*Psalm 66:8–20*

- L Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard!  
C **He has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**
- L For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.  
C **We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**
- L I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you.  
C **Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**
- L I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.  
**ALL Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!**

**Opening Song**

**“House of the Lord”**

Verse 1

**We worship the God who was.  
We worship the God who is.  
We worship the God who evermore will be.  
He opened the prison doors.  
He parted the raging sea.  
Our God, He holds the victory, yeah.**

Chorus

**There’s joy in the house of the Lord.  
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today.  
And we won’t be quiet. We shout out Your praise.  
There’s joy in the house of the Lord.  
Our God is surely in this place.  
And we won’t be quiet. We shout out Your praise.  
We shout out Your praise.**

Verse 2

**We sing to the God who heals.  
We sing to the God who saves.  
We sing to the God who always makes a way.  
’Cause He hung up on that cross  
then He rose up from that grave.  
My God’s still rolling stones away.**

Chorus

Bridge

**We were the beggars. Now we’re royalty.  
We were the prisoners. Now we’re running free.  
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (repeat)**

Chorus 2x

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**Invocation**

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

**Prayer of the Day**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P Let us pray.  
O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, for

“‘In Him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,  
“‘For we are indeed His offspring.’”

Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

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

## Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

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

## Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

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

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

[Jesus said:] “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## Song of the Day

“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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## Sermon

“As Orphans” John 14:15–21

## 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

## “Graves into Gardens”

Verse 1

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.  
Man's empty praise, and treasures that fade  
Are never enough.  
Then You came along and put me back together,  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You.  
There's nothing better than You.  
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.  
My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all,  
And You still call me friend.  
'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley.  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Chorus 2x

Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing,  
You give beauty for ashes.  
You turn shame into glory,  
You're the only one who can. repeat

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens,  
You turn bones into armies.  
You turn seas into highways,  
You're the only one who can.

Chorus 2x

Bridge 2

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## Prayer of the Church

- ✠ All who mourn the death of Harold Hagemann.
- ✠ All who mourn the death of Denise Hunter.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

- 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

### “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

### “Jesus Messiah”

- 1 He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

#### Chorus

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners,  
The Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

- 2 His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world.

#### Chorus

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.  
The Lord of all. The Lord of all.

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### “O For A Thousand”

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

- 2 If eloquence I could display  
And ev’ry language sing,  
A thousand words could never say  
The praise I have for Thee.

#### Chorus 1

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah all praise to our God.

- 3 Before the throne we’ll sing the song  
With saints from ev’ry age,  
With thousands times ten thousand strong  
We’ll praise His holy name.

#### Chorus 2

Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah all praise to our God.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah all praise to our King.

- 4 A thousand years will be as one  
When face to face I see,  
The splendid beauty of the Son,  
The One who died for me.

#### 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.

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

## “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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**Preacher**  
**Presiding Minister**  
**Instrumentalists**

**Rev. Chris Shearman**  
**Pastor Wade**  
**William Jackson, guitar**  
**Savannah Richards, piano**  
**Mark Stoddard, bass**  
**Darren Meyer, percussion**

**Sound**

**Tavia Shively, Ellie Pelt, Amory Richards, William Jackson, vocals**  
**Ries Hoover**

**Recognition of 2026 High School Graduates in the Sanctuary this morning.**

**Daniel Beckemeier**  
**Evan Brueggeman**  
**Evan DeArmond**  
**Madelyn Fogle**  
**Eleanora Fussner**  
**Alec Gates**  
**Cade Hanse**  
**Zoey Hayes**  
**Jordyn Hopper**  
**Pierce Jumper**  
**Kenna Kalka**

**Seth Kremer**  
**Sophia Lindemann**  
**Gabriella Maender**  
**Liam Marshall**  
**Darren Meyer**  
**Emily Oak**  
**Evan Pashia**  
**Hannah Propst**  
**Michaela Propst**  
**Grace Ridgley**

**Benjamin Rudzinski**  
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