

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ✠

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

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Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, we thank You for planting in us the seed of Your Word. By Your Holy Spirit help us receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow into the full maturity of Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Opening Song

“Take You At Your Word”

Verse 1

Your word is a lamp unto my feet.
Your way is the only way for me.
It's a narrow road that leads to life,
but I want to be on it.
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide,
'Cause You're good on Your promise.

Chorus 1

I'll take You at Your word;
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.

Verse 2

You spoke, and the chaos fell in line.
I know, 'cause I've seen it in my life.
It's a narrow road that leads to life,
but I want to be on it.
It's a narrow road the tide is high,
but You parted the water.

Chorus 2

I'll take You at Your word;
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.

Bridge

You said Your love will never give up.
You said Your grace is always enough.
You said Your heart would never forget or forsake me.
You said I'm saved, You call me Yours.
You said my future's full of Your hope.
You've never failed, so I know that You'll never fail me.
(repeat)

Chorus 2

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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 Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10–13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:12–17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 65:9–13

P You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

C You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it.

P You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

C softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

P You crown the year with Your bounty;

C Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

P The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

C the hills gird themselves with joy,

P the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,

C they shout and sing together for joy.

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Song of the Day

“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’rable, 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.

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Sermon

“God Gives the Growth” Psalm 65:9-13

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

“Build My Life”

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.

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

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.

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 birth of Margot Ann Mueller, daughter of Dan and Maggie Mueller (July 2).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Rich and Gloria Peterson (July 10).

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

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 Songs

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

“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.

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

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.

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.
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.
C Amen.

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing Song

“Can’t Steal My Joy”

Verse 1

In the valley of the shadow,
I got a feeling it's a season that'll make me grow.
I'm still breathing, I got praise in my lungs
And a choir in my soul.

Chorus 1

Can't steal my joy.
Can't steal my joy.
What the world couldn't give,
no, it can't take away.
Sorrow may come, but it can't steal my joy.
Can't steal my joy.

Verse 2

In the high highs, in the low lows,
You fill my cup, You fill it up until it overflows.
I remember, I'll keep holding on to hope,
'Cause You're the king of rolling stones.

Chorus

Post-Chorus 1

Can't steal my joy
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x
Can't steal my joy.
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x

Bridge

Can't steal my joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart, down in my soul,
deep in my bones. I got the joy, joy, joy.
I can't contain, nothing can quiet my praise.
I got the joy, joy, joy. Down in my heart,
down in my soul, deep in my bones.
I got the joy, joy, joy. I can't contain,
nothing can quiet my praise.

Can't steal my joy. Can't steal my joy.

Chorus

Can't steal my joy.
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x
(Wa oh, oh, oh.) 3x
Can't steal my joy.

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