

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Our King and Redeemer, give us strength to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, so that when Your Son comes again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, we may shine like the stars in glory; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

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!

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Invocation

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

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.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before Me, since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are My witnesses! Is there a God besides Me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18–27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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

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

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Song of the Day

“Majestic”

Verse

**O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth;
O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth.**

Chorus

**The heavens declare Your greatness;
The oceans cry out to You;
The mountains, they bow down before You,
So I'll join with the earth and
I'll give my praise to You.**

Repeat Verse

Chorus 2

**The heavens declare Your greatness;
The oceans cry out to You;
The mountains, they bow down before You,
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing.
The heavens declare Your greatness;
The oceans cry out to You;
The mountains, they bow down before You,
So I'll join with the earth
and I'll give my praise to You.**

Bridge

**I will worship You, I will worship You;
I will worship You, I will worship You;
We will worship You; We will worship You.**

Chorus2

**So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You.
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You.**

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Sermon

“Exploring God’s Nature”

Song of Response

“Your Love Awakens Me”

**1 There were walls between us.
By the cross You came and broke them down,
You broke them down.
And there were chains around us.
By Your grace we are no longer bound,
No longer bound.**

Pre-Chorus

**You called me out of the grave.
You called me into the light.
You called my name and then,
my heart came alive.**

Chorus

**Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
(REPEAT)**

**2 Feel the darkness shaking.
All the dead are coming back to life. I'm back to life.
Hear the song awaken All creation singing,
“We're alive ‘Cause You're alive!”**

Pre-chorus & Chorus

Bridge

**And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us
down.
We shout it out: We're alive ‘cause You're alive!
(REPEAT 3x)**

Chorus (2x)

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

“Reckless Love”

Verse 1

**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
 You have been so, so good to me.
 Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
 You have been so, so kind to me.**

Chorus

**O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
 Reckless Love of God.
 O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
 Leaves the ninety-nine.
 I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
 Still You give Yourself away.
 O, the overwhelming, never-ending,
 Reckless Love of God. Yeah!**

Verse 2

**When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.
 You have been so, so good to me.
 When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.
 You have been so, so kind to me,**

Chorus

**Bridge
 There's no shadow You won't light up,
 Mountain You won't climb up,
 Coming after me.
 There's no wall You won't kick down,
 Lie You won't tear down,
 Coming after me. (repeat)**

Chorus

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Prayer of the Church

- ☩ Thanksgiving for the 97th birthday of Bernice Hensel (July 16).
- ☩ Thanksgiving for the 5th wedding anniversary of Ian and Emilie Kirby (July 17) and the baptism of Selah Kirby.
- ☩ Thanksgiving for the 40th wedding anniversary of Steve and Mary Ann Kettner (July 18).
- ☩ Celebration for the wedding of Hayden Shively and Sarah Plummer (July 19).
- ☩ Dixie Keathley upcoming surgery and recovery.
- ☩ Bobby Duffy Govea, Perry family's cousin, who suffered a brain aneurysm.

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.**

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

“My Lighthouse”

Verse 1

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Verse 2

In the silence, You won't let go.
In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
Oh, My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus

Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
(3X)

Chorus

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

☩ **Selah Suzanne Kirby** ☩
Daughter of Ian and Emilie Kirby
Sponsors Andrews and Melanie Schultz

Preacher
Liturgist
Instrumentalists

Pastor Wade
Rev. Dr. Dave Schmitt
William Jackson, acoustic guitar
Valerie Winkler, electric guitar
Whitney Wade, percussion
Mara Yaeger, piano
Amy Maender, Valerie Winkler, William Jackson, Whitney Wade, vocals
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