

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, Your Church is built on the foundation of the prophets and the apostles, Jesus Christ being the chief Cornerstone. Give us ears to hear You proclaim through today's messengers of peace that Satan has been defeated and that our names are written in heaven; through 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 27:7-14

- L** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
C **You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."**
L Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
C **For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.**
L Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
C **I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!**
ALL **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**
L Let's lift our voices and welcome our King— with hearts full of hope, we sing: Hosanna! Praise is rising!

Opening Song

"Hosanna"

Verse 1

**I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire.
The whole earth shakes,
The whole earth shakes, yeah.**

Verse 2

**I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin.
The people sing, the people sing**

Chorus

**Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

Verse 3

**I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith.**

Verse 4

**I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek.
We're on our knees, We're on our knees.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Heal my heart and make it clean,
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like You have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks Yours,
Everything I am, for Your Kingdom's cause.
As I walk from earth into eternity.**

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.**

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.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.
O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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

Genesis 18:1–10a

The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in Your sight, do not pass by Your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

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

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:21–29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song of the Day

"In Christ Alone"

Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on the cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Sermon

"Dear Church... Formerly/Currently"

Song of Response

“King of Kings”

1 In the darkness we were waiting,
without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running.
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

2 To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died.

Chorus

3 And the morning that You rose
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

4 And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name,
in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me.

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of Kings.
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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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 \dagger life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Offering

Offertory Song

“Lord, I Need You”

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me...

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Chorus (2x)

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

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Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Jerry Lutz upcoming surgery (July 21).
- ✠ Vivian Meyer recovering from surgery.
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the wedding of Jacob Rhodes and Mari Knehans (July 11) and the ordination of Rev. Jacob Rhodes (July 13).

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

Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear,
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil, For my God is with me,
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go,
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, You never let go,
Lord, You never let go of me.

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"You Never Let Go"

Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Yes I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
Still I will praise You,
Still I will praise You (Repeat)

Chorus (2x)

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