

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, You make Your power known by showing mercy. Grant us Your grace always to enjoy Your heavenly Treasure, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Opening Song

“Forever Reign”

- 1 You are good, You are good,
When there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love,
On display for all to see.
You are light, You are light,
When the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope,
You have covered all my sin.
- 2 You are peace, You are peace,
When my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true,
Even in my wandering.
You are joy, You are joy,
You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life,
In You death has lost its sting.

Chorus

Oh, I'm running to Your arms,
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.

- 3 You are more, You are more,
Than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, You are Lord,
All creation will proclaim.
You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, You are God,
Of all else I'm letting go.

Chorus

Bridge

My heart will sing, no other Name.
Jesus, Jesus. (3x)

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 Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28–39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For Your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

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

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

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” And He said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 125

P Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
C **which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

P As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people,
C **from this time forth and forevermore.**

P For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,
C **lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.**

P Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
C **and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

P But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers!
C **Peace be upon Israel!**

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

“You Never Let Go”

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.

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

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?

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

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.

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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Sermon

“Unshaken” Psalm 125

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

"Battle Belongs"

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain,
You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now,
For I am safe with You.

Chorus

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high,
O God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet,
I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.

Verse 2

And if You are for me who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross,
God, You see the empty tomb.

Chorus

Bridge

An Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
(3x)

Chorus

O God, the battle belongs to You.

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Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 35th wedding anniversary of Brian and Denise Oehler (July 27).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 60th wedding anniversary of Jerry and Sharon Lutz (July 30).
- ✠ All who mourn the death of Joanne McMiller, mother of Pastor Dan McMiller.

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.

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

Verse

**Father, let your kingdom come.
Father, let your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven,
Right here in my heart. (repeat)**

Chorus

**Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned
Against us; forgive them.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
Let your kingdom come.**

Verse

Chorus

Bridge

**It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours.
The kingdom, the power, the glory are yours.
It's yours, it's yours, all yours, all yours.
Forever and ever the kingdom is yours. (repeat)**

Verse

On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

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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

“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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Valerie Winkler, electric guitar
Whitney Wade, percussion
Savannah Richards, piano
Tavia Shively, Valerie Winkler, William Jackson, Amory Richards, vocals
Kiera Presti
Greg Polk

Sound
Video

We rejoice in the following Baptism this week!

✝ **Rayden Robert Perry** ✝
Son of Alexander and Abigayle Perry
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