

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Lord Jesus, You have laid up for us treasures in heaven. In Your continual mercy, cleanse and defend us that we remain rich toward God; and because we cannot continue in safety without Your help, govern and protect us always by Your goodness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1–7

- L Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness.
C **We come into His presence with singing!**
- L Know that the Lord, He is God. It is He who made us, and we are His.
C **We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**
- L Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
C **We give thanks to Him and bless His name!**
- L For the Lord is good—
C **His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**
- L Let's worship Him together, trusting in the love that never fails.

Opening Song

“One Thing Remains”

Verse 1

**Higher than the mountains that I face.
Stronger than the power of the grave.
Constant in the trial and the change.
One thing remains, one thing remains.**

Chorus

**Your love never fails, it never gives up,
never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up,
never runs out on me.
Your love never fails, it never gives up,
never runs out on me. Your love.**

Verse 2

**On and on and on and on it goes.
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never, ever have to be afraid.
One thing remains, one thing remains.**

Chorus

Bridge

**In death, in life, I'm confident and
cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid; there's nothing that
can separate my heart from Your great love.
(REPEAT)**

Chorus (2x)

Verse 1

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Stronger than the power of the grave.
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One thing remains, one thing remains.**

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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 wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from Him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner He has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1–11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And He said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song of the Day

“Here I am to Worship”

Verse 1

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

Bridge

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus (2x)

Sermon

“Dear Church, Set Your Mind on This”

Song of Response

“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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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

Offertory Song

“Firm Foundation (He Won't)”

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation,
the rock on which I stand.
When everything around me is shaken,
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus,
'Cause He's never let me down.
He's faithful through generations,
so why would He fail now.

Chorus 1

He won't, He won't.

Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos.
I've got peace that makes no sense.
So I won't be going under.
I'm not held by my own strength,
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus.
He's never let me down.
He's faithful in every season,

So why would He fail now.

Chorus 2

He won't, He won't.
He won't fail. He won't fail.

Bridge

Rain came and wind blew,
But my house was built on You.
And I'm safe with You,
I'm gonna make it through. (REPEAT)

Yeah I'm gonna make it through,
'cause my house is built on You.

Verse 1

Chorus 2 (2x)

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Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 39th wedding anniversary of John and Linda Jackson (Aug.1).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 40th wedding anniversary of Randy and Linda Dessau (Aug.3).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 29th wedding anniversary of Kevin and Leslie Rudzinski (Aug. 3).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 51st wedding anniversary of Tom and Pam Nummela (Aug.4).
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 32nd wedding anniversary of Kenny and Jenny Storie (Aug.7).
- ✠ All who mourn the death of Larry Hopper, brother of Ron Hopper.

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

- C **Amen.**

Closing Song

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

- 1 Come set Your rule, and reign
In our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.
- 2 We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives,
For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church; We pray revive this earth.

Chorus

- Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray!
- 3 Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
Reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church; We are the hope on earth.

Chorus

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