

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
✠ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost ✠
Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve, prepare us for the coming of the Son of Man, forgiving us the things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us the good things we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:18-22

L Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love,
C **That He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.**

L Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.
C **For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.**

ALL Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Opening Song

“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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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 merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal 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.**

First Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O LORD God, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, You have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

[Jesus] said to His disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song of the Day

“By Faith”

Verse 1

**By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.**

Verse 2

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.**

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.**

Verse 3

**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.**

Verse 4

**By faith the church was called to go
In the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev’ry corner of the earth.**

Chorus

Verse 5

**By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.**

Chorus

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Sermon

“Faith: Assurance and Conviction”

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

"The Lord's Prayer"

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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Prayer of the Church

† Thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Mark & Debbie Belew (Aug. 9).

† Thanksgiving for the 30th wedding anniversary of Brent & Julie Schowe (Aug. 12).

† Sherry Whitlock healing and recovery.

† Gale Mohr recovering from surgery.

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

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Mark 14:22–24

Pax Domini – “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

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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“The Heart of Worship”

- 1 When the music fades, all is stripped away,
And I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart.

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song,
For a song in itself
is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

- 2 King of endless worth, no one could express
How much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours,
Ev'ry single breath.

Pre-Chorus/Chorus

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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.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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.

Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

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

Preacher
Liturgist
Instrumentalists

Pastor Schudde
Pastor Wade
Mike Peper, Valerie Winkler, guitar
Mara Yaeger, piano
Darren Meyer, percussion
Whitney Wade, Valerie Winkler, Jonny Thompson, Lauren Blake, vocals
Darren Meyer

Sound

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

✝ Colin James Genthon ✝
Son of Jake and Mary Genthon
Sponsors Daniel Baker and Amy Costidakis

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