

LIVING STONE WORSHIP
† Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost †
Sunday, August 31, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Holy One, higher than the proudest person, yet always bending down to the lowly, graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through 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 121

- L I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
C **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
L He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.
C **Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
L The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
C **The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.**
L The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore!

Opening Song

“O Praise Him”

- 1 Turn your ear to heaven
And hear the noise inside;
The sound of angel's awe,
The sound of angel's songs,
And all this for a King.
We could join and sing
All to Christ the King.

Pre-chorus 1
How constant how divine,
This song of ours will rise.
O, how constant how divine,
This love of ours will rise, will rise.

Chorus 1
O, praise Him, O, praise Him;
He is holy, He is holy.

- 2 Turn your gaze to heaven
And raise a joyous noise;
The sound of salvation come,
The sound of rescued ones,
And all this for a King.
Angels join to sing
All for Christ the King.

Chorus 1 (2 times)

Pre-chorus 2
How infinite and sweet
This love so rescuing.
O, how infinitely sweet,
This great love that has redeemed;
As one we sing.

Chorus 2 (3 times)
Alleluia, alleluia.
He is holy, He is holy.

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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.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 13:1–17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the Holy Places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore let us go to Him outside the camp and bear the reproach He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. And He said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things.

Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

He said also to the man who had invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song of the Day

“Build My Life”

Verse 1

**Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.**

Verse 2

**Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.**

Chorus

**Holy, there is no one like You.
There is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder,
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart.
And lead me in Your love to those around me.**

Verse 2

**Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You. We live for You.**

Chorus

Bridge

**I will build my life upon Your love.
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone.
And I will not be shaken. (repeat)**

Chorus

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

“Your Great Name”

**1 Lost are saved, find their way
at the sound of Your great Name.
All condemned feel no shame
at the sound of Your great Name.
Ev’ry fear has no place
at the sound of Your great Name.
The enemy, he has to leave
at the sound of Your great Name.**

**2 All the weak find their strength
at the sound of Your great Name.
Hungry souls receive grace
at the sound of Your great Name.
The fatherless find their rest
at the sound of Your great Name.
The sick are healed, and the dead are raised
at the sound of Your great Name.**

Chorus

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
that was slain for us, the Son of God and man.
You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise Your great Name.**

Chorus

Bridge

**Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty.
My Savior, Defender, You are my King.**

(REPEAT)

**Jesus....Jesus...You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise**

Chorus

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Prayer of the Church

- † Thanksgiving for the birth of Lila Rose Collings, daughter of Brian & Molly Collins, granddaughter of Randy & Donna Collins. (August 12).
- † Thanksgiving for the 55th wedding anniversary of Tom and Ann Babington (August 28).
- † Thanksgiving for the 29th wedding anniversary of Mark and Kelli Yaeger (August 31).

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

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Song

“Your Love Defends Me”

Verse 1

You are my joy; You are my song.
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from.
You are my refuge my whole life long.
Where else would I go?

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul.
Your love defends me,
Your love defends me.
And when I feel like I'm all alone,
Your love defends me,
Your love defends me.

Verse 2

Day after day, night after night,
I will remember You're with me in this fight.
Although the battle, it rages on,
The war's already won.
I know the war is already won.

Chorus

Bridge

We sing, “Hallelujah,
You're my portion, my salvation.
Hallelujah.” (Repeat)

Chorus 2x

Ending

We sing, “Hallelujah,
You're my portion, my salvation.
Hallelujah, You're my portion, my salvation.
Hallelujah, You're my portion, my salvation.”

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“I Will Follow”

Where You go, I'll go;
Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move; I will follow.

Verse 1

All Your ways are good,
All Your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight,
High above my life;
I will trust in You alone.

Chorus

Where You go, I'll go;
Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move; I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love;
How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You.
I will follow You.

Verse 2

Light into the world,
Light into my life,
I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek,
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone.
In You alone.

Chorus

Bridge

In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy.
And I will follow.

Chorus (2x)

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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

“Take You at Your Word”

Verse 1

Your word is a lamp unto my feet.
Your way is the only way for me.
It's a narrow road that leads to life,
but I want to be on it.
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide,
'Cause You're good on Your promise.

Chorus 1

I'll take You at Your word;
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.

Verse 2

You spoke, and the chaos fell in line.
I know, 'cause I've seen it in my life.
It's a narrow road that leads to life,
but I want to be on it.
It's a narrow road the tide is high,
but You parted the water.

Chorus 2

I'll take You at Your word;
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.

Bridge

You said Your love will never give up.
You said Your grace is always enough.
You said Your heart would never forget or forsake me.
You said I'm saved, You call me Yours.
You said my future's full of Your hope.
You've never failed, so I know that You'll never fail me.
(repeat)

Chorus 2

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