

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, through Moses and the prophets You proclaimed the way of everlasting life: grant us the fullness of Your grace that with Lazarus we may obtain Your promises and partake of Your heavenly treasures; 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 146:1-10

- L Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- C **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- L Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
- C **The Lord keeps faith forever; He executes justice for the oppressed, He gives food to the hungry.**
- L The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
- C **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**
- L The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

ALL Praise the Lord!

Opening Song

“10,000 Reasons”

Chorus

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

Chorus

Verse 2

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

Chorus

Verse 3

**And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!**

without Chorus

Worship Your holy name; Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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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 God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

Amos 6:1–7

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 3:1–13

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

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

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

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song of the Day

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.

Chorus

I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder,
you’re gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes hope will arise.
Death is defeated; the King is alive.

Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with ev’rything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me.

Chorus

Bridge

Sing a little louder. Sing a little louder.
Sing a little louder. Sing a little louder.
Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me.
Sing a little louder!

Chorus 2x

I raise a hallelujah! I raise a hallelujah!
I raise a hallelujah! I raise a hallelujah!

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Sermon

“Get Uncomfortable” Amos 6:1–7

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

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

Verse 1

In the caverns of my mind there's demons I fight.
And I know You know.
And I'm running from the battle
I can't win on my own.
With nowhere to run, too tired to fight.
Come and save me, come and save me,
I'm needing You now.

Chorus

You are my Hope in the land of the living,
My Refuge, when life's unrelenting,
My Hiding Place, my shelter in the night.
You are my Fortress that nothing replaces,
The outstretched arms that embrace,
In Your presence, God, Oh, I have found my peace.
You are surrounding me.

"Surrounding Me"

Verse 2

In the shadows of the tomb,
It seemed that they'd won. It was so dark.
But the death that You had chosen
Was soon to be gone.
You fought on Your own, You fought and You won,
Now You hold me, now You hold me close,
I'm not alone.

Chorus

Bridge

Through the darkest of nights,
You are the light that's leading me home.
When I am afraid, and hope starts to fade,
I'll trust You alone.
With arms stretched wide, my Savior died,
To rise up from the grave.
Your victory, alive in me, I know that I am safe.

Chorus

In Your presence God, Oh, I have found my peace.
You are surrounding me.

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Prayer of the Church

✠ Thanksgiving for the 40th wedding anniversary of Rob and Sue Powley (Sept. 28).

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

“The King Is In The Room”

Verse 1

Come open the doors and make way.
The King is in the room, the King is in the room.
Expectant for strongholds to break,
'Cause we know what You can do,
We know what You can do.

Pre-Chorus

We're gonna see lives changed,
souls saved, Broken hearts made new.

Chorus

The King is in the room.
Lord we enthrone You upon our praise.
The King is in the room.
There's freedom and life anywhere You reign.
Jesus, we bow only to You.
We're laying down all of our crowns.
The King is in the room.

Verse 2

Come see all the captives run free.
He's tearing down the walls,
He's tearing down the walls.
There's grave shaking power when we sing
The Name above them all, Your Name above them all.

Chorus

Bridge

Fear has to flee, shame has to leave
before the King, before the King
Chains have to break, dry bones awake.
Prepare the way. (repeat)

Chorus

The King is in the room.
I can't wait to see what You're gonna do.
Every mountain has to move.
Prepare the way. The King is in the room.

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Verse

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.**

Pre-Chorus

Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv’rer.

Chorus

**You are the everlasting God, The everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won’t grow weary.
You’re the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.**

Verse

Pre-Chorus

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.
C **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24–26

Closing 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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We rejoice in the following Baptisms in the Sanctuary this weekend!

✝ Brooks Conrad Carson ✝
Son of Dave and Katy Carson
Sponsors Steven Breen and Nacie Pereira

Preacher
Liturgist
Assisting Seminarian
Instrumentalists

Sound

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Pastor Thompson
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Savannah Richards, piano
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